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Stop This Murder

AN EDITORIAL

Franco is getting ready to murder another Spanish patriot, the Daily Worker was informed yesterday in a cable from Europe signed by Dolores Ibarurri (Pasionaria).

Last week, his police tortured and shot 10 anti-fascists, headed by the hero Cristino Garcia Granda, whose sole crime was his love of Spain and his hatred of Fascism.

Now, Antonio Nunez, who fought the Germans in France, and then returned to fight the same fascist enemy in his homeland, has been seized for execution.

Pasionaria implores American public opinion to intervene to stop this imminent murder, and the pitiless terror which now engulfs Spain under Franco's tyranny.

President Truman and Secretary Byrnes must hear the voice of the nation's protest in letters and telegrams. They must speak and act, demanding of the Madrid regime that it stay its bloody hand.

America's influence can be decisive in this hour.

Franco's Consulate will be picketed this Saturday, 515 Madison Ave., at 11 a.m. Help Franco's victims and show your contempt for this sleek murderer by your presence there!

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Terror in Tennessee: Blood drips from battered cheeks as highway patrolmen search these Negroes near their homes at Columbia, Tenn. Sixty-nine Negroes and two whites were arrested in a night-long series of raids by cops, vigilantes and militia on the Jimerow section, following a minor altercation. The two whites were released; the Negroes face charges of attempted murder. Terror still bars the doors of the section as open threats of even bloodier violence are uttered freely.

69 Negroes Face Lynch Law

By CARL HIRSCH

COLUMBIA, Tenn., Feb. 27.—A mass Scottsboro frameup is in the making here in the cradle of the Ku Klux Klan. Sixty-nine Negroes are being held in the local jail after a violent armed invasion of the little Negro community of Columbia by white militiamen, vigilantes and hoodlums.

Fourteen of the Negro citizens are charged with "an attempt to commit murder" which carries a penalty of up to 21 years in prison. If a wounded white policeman dies, mass murder charges will be filed, and hell may break loose again.

A Grand Jury now in session here rapidly switched its calendar to consider immediate indictment of the 69.

Meanwhile this town of 11,000, of which 3,000 are Negro, was today in a state of military occupation, with the Negro community a shambles.

The Eighth Ave. Negro business section was devastated yesterday when hundreds of armed hoodlums moved in firing blindly, wrecking and looting and beating innocent men, women and children.

Dozens of persons were wounded.

Julius Blair, an aged Negro druggist, told the Daily Worker that his store was turned into a shambles. "They stole everything they could carry away and emptied the cash register," he declared.

His son Sol, who runs a little restaurant, is one of the men being held by the authorities.

The only two whites arrested were released today.

LYNCH FEVER RAMPANT

Lynch fever is still running rampant in this town. A white policeman, Wil Wilsford, a member of the attacking party, is in the local hospital with gunshot wounds following the armed battle.

"If Wilsford dies there is no telling what will happen in this town," a deputy told me.

The district attorney's office was prepared to seek mass murder indictments in case of Wilsford's death.

HOW IT BEGAN

The bloody invasion of the Negro community followed an incident here last Monday afternoon at a radio shop in the center of the town. A Negro woman, Gladys Stephenson, was returning a radio which failed to operate after she had paid for its repair. In the course of the discussion she was

assaulted by the repair man William Fleming.

Her son James, a navy veteran who was standing outside, sprang to her defense. In the scuffle the store window was smashed. The Stephensons were arrested. Later a group of Negroes appeared at the courthouse to demand their release on bond.

By this time local hoodlums had formed a lynch mob, gathered arms and moved into attack the Negro community. An armed battle ensued, in which many were shot.

NEGROES RESIST

It was then that police, state highway patrolmen and militiamen staged an all-out machine gun assault on the Negro community, where many of the residents were gathered in groups prepared to defend their lives, with shotguns, squirrel rifles and enemy weapons taken as war trophies. Finally, 70 Negroes were rounded up.

Today, the devastated Negro community took on the appearance of a wartime occupied town. Heavily armed militiamen in full war gear patrolled the streets. A curfew was in effect.

The hunt was on for "outside agitators," with the police admitting that they were tapping telephone wires to halt any assistance or sup-

port to the embattled Negro community.

Local authorities attempted to hush up reports of the activities here. Newspapers were encouraged to leave town. Statements were issued to the effect that the Columbia incident "was all over."

Meanwhile, scores of Negroes faced frame-up and long prison sentences — unless a nationwide clamor is raised in their defense.

In spite of assurances that they will be protected by the militia, Negro citizens here have locked themselves in their homes with good reason to fear for their lives.

MILITIA HAILS "VICTORY"

State militiamen, mostly teen-aged boys from nearby communities, have obviously been affected by the lynch hysteria. They boasted that they have scored a "victory" in their assault on the defenseless Negro community.

"We've just had some training in attacking enemy villages," one of them told me, "guess we showed them a few things about mopping-up operations."

Evidence here is the venomous anti-Negro hysteria which is being whipped up by the Rankins and Bilbos in Congress.

BIRTHPLACE OF KKK

This region has a long background of anti-Negro violence. Several miles from here is the site where the Ku Klux Klan was founded in 1867.

There have been many lynchings here, the most arrogant occurring in the '20s, when a Negro was hanged on the court-house steps.

In 1934, a Negro boy was imprisoned here on a trumped-up rape charge. After a court appeal, he was finally freed. While freeing him, the sheriff tipped off a lynch mob of the boy's whereabouts. He was seized in Nashville, kidnapped and brought back to Columbia where he was hanged.

Negro Vet Fought Mother's Attacker

By ROBERT MINOR

COLUMBIA, Tenn., Feb. 27.—Here is the outline of the bloody struggle at Mink Slide: Shortly after midday Monday a white proprietor of a radio repair shop kicked a woman, Mrs. Grace Stevenson, a Negro, who had called to get her repaired radio.

Mrs. Stevenson's son, James C. Stevenson, a veteran just returned from three years' service abroad, to defend his mother, struck the radio man, who fell against and broke a glass shop window.

That was the sole immediate precipitating incident of the gun fighting.

The character of the event as an aggression against Negroes is proven by the fact that all of the shooting occurred in the Negro community.

It was an invasion of the Negro community by white persons. There were no Negroes entering white communities, but white persons raiding a Negro community, at a time when no violence had occurred except the incident of the kicking of Mrs. Stevenson and the blow struck in her defense by her son.

The shooting was done mainly by a machine gun. The riddling of the two blocks of Negro homes and shops with machine and Tommy guns occurred only at the break of dawn Tuesday, after the deputized National Guardsmen and State Police had been in cordon formation around Mink Slide most of the night.

Monday afternoon, the boy who had defended his mother was not

arrested, but returned to his home in Mink Slide. There the neighbors, fearing he would be followed and lynched, gathered in front of the Negro undertaking parlor and the barbershop which form the business center of Mink Slide.

Small groups of white men some carrying guns gathered on the square of the city a few blocks away, during the afternoon.

Every Negro in Columbia quietly retired within the bounds of the Negro community, Mink Slide.

Four uniformed policemen with rifles in a police car drove into Mink Slide that night. All are white. There are no Negro policemen.

Some one, either in the police

car or outside fired a shot. More shots followed and all four policemen were wounded, one severely. They retreated from the community and called for reinforcements.

During the night the reinforcements came in the form of national guardsmen and state highway patrolmen, deputized by Sheriff J. J. Underwood.

These waited till dawn, when they practically demolished two city blocks of Negro homes and shops with the best of modern firearms, while a few shotguns and two target rifles were used in return fire.

It is said that some trophy weapons of German and Japanese make were also used, indicating that Negro veterans were in the fight, but this has not been confirmed.

Monday afternoon and Tuesday, white civilians were allowed to walk freely around the streets armed. Occasionally deputies have ordered them to separate when they congregated in crowds but their arms are not taken from them.

About 75 Negroes are under arrest, most of them being in jail, while two or three have been released.

Transit Union Says Board's \$1 an Hour Figure Is 'Weird'

By MICHAEL SINGER

Statistics released to the newspapers by the Board of Transportation purporting to show that the average transit worker receives \$1 an hour, were challenged yesterday by the CIO Transport Workers Union.

as "weird arithmetic" completely out of line with existing rates.

The Board of Transportation listed 17 classifications of transit workers on the city lines and gave the number of men, the minimum and the maximum pay in each category, except in the case of assistant foremen and laborers.

Officials at the TWU headquarters pointed to these omissions as proof that the board is "embarrassed" to reveal the true facts.

"The board does not mention how many assistant foremen and laborers there are," the union's publicity spokesman said, "for good reason. Both of these categories are the key to the board's statistical fagaling. There are very few assistant foremen so the board gives them the highest maximum rate of \$1.25, but there are many laborers and since this is listed with the lowest maximum rates it would be embarrassing to the board to show how many actually get only 75 cents an hour."

The board claims that the maximum hourly rate for maintainers, of which there are 6,000, is \$1.20. Actually, the union says, those getting that figure are employed only in the power departments and that "\$1.20 rate is based not on a regular wage level but on the quota rate, which is a lot different."

"Only a small percentage get that much," he continued.

He said that out of 1,700 power workers only 12 percent receive \$1.20 an hour.

The real hourly rate figure in this department is only \$1.10. The same holds true for the car inspectors, who, according to the board, get \$1.15 an hour. The TWU says that few car inspectors get

that, the quota rate being maintained in that department as well as in the assistant foreman category.

Quota rates are not regular promotion rates but are received only by a few in special assignments and "to claim that those who receive quota rates receive a regular hourly wage rate in line with that department's wage level is the kind of gall we've come to expect from the Board of Transportation," the official said.

Again, in the case of laborers who get 75 cents an hour, failure to list how many are getting that figure, "is a way out for the Board and helps them to conjure up their false \$1 average rate."

The union also disputed the Board's figure of 90 cents for helpers. The Board claimed 2,000 helpers were getting that hourly rate. The union countered by citing the fact "that only helpers in power plants receive 90 cents an hour."

Trackmen, the Board declared, receive 98 cents an hour. The TWU records show that on the IRT, which has the largest number of the 1,500 trackmen on the three city subway systems, only 20 percent of the trackmen get that much. On the BMT and the Independent lines only 5 to 10 percent of the trackmen get paid 93 cents.

The union, in charging that the average hourly rate among the 32,000 transit workers runs between 75 and 90 cents an hour, pointed to the Board's own classification rates to disprove the Board's \$1 average.

"How can they claim the transit workers average \$1 an hour," the union official asked, "when 2/3 of their own classification statistics show minimum hourly wage levels between 75 and 90 cents?"

Ford Signs UAW Pact

DETROIT, Feb. 27 (UP).—The Ford Motor Company signed a new contract with the CIO Auto Workers Union shortly after midnight today. It continued the checkoff and a union shop and gave 103,000 Ford workers an average hourly pay of \$1.40, retroactive to Jan. 5, and for the life of the contract, ending May 30, 1947.

The agreement penalize wildcat strikes in this statement:

"The union has undertaken to control its membership, to prevent illegal work stoppages, and penalties may be imposed by the company on those who fail to cooperate."

The penalty provisions did not include the financial liabilities Ford demanded last Nov. 28.

Workers guilty of "instigating, fomenting or actively supporting, or giving leadership" to illegal work interruptions will be subject to firing.

After negotiations for 15 days on disputes about production standards an independent time study engineer may be called in to make a final and binding decision.

UAW Ford director Richard T. Leonard emphasized that the con-

tract does not stop the union from striking against "excessive, unsafe or health-impairing" production standards.

Another "entirely new article" of the contract, according to Ford spokesman John Bugas, covered management prerogatives and responsibilities, a continuous source of disagreement since the first UAW contract with Ford.

Bugas said the article provided that "continued failure of an employee to produce on the basis of established standards will be cause for discipline."

Union Leaves AFL

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Feb. 27.—Delegates representing 35,000 members of the Progressive Mine Workers of America voted unanimously yesterday to withdraw from the American Federation of Labor, now that the AFL has readmitted John L. Lewis' United Mine Workers.

France Forcing Franco Showdown; Leading U. S. Citizens Ask Break

Leaders of eight national organizations asked President Truman yesterday to break relations with Franco Spain and recognize the Republic.

Those making the request were Philip Murray, president of the CIO; Elmer Benson, executive committee chairman, National Citizens Political Action Committee; Jo Davidson, chairman, Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences and Professions; Freda Kirchway, president, and Frank P. Graham, advisory council chairman, of The Nation Associates; William L. Shirer, chairman, The Friends of the Spanish Republic; Raymond Swing, board chairman, Americans United for World Organization; Henry A. Atkinson, secretary, Church Peace Union, and Reinhold Niebuhr, president, Union for Democratic Action.

A memorandum asked that Franco Spain be considered an enemy nation because it was established "through the force of Axis arms," served as an "Axis satellite" in the war and since "has continued totalitarian practices on the Nazi-fascist model, with complete suppression of liberties and with terrorism still rampant."

Outside of Argentina, the memorandum charged, fascist Spain "harbors the largest single concentration of Nazi wealth, machinery, agents and techniques, constituting a threat of new aggression."

The United States was urged to "enter into contact with the Spanish government-in-exile and other democratic groups opposed to Franco with a view to recognizing a provisional government representative of all the democratic parties capable of establishing and maintaining the Spanish Republic on a solid foundation."

Rumors that Franco Spain might be replaced by a monarchy were

nalled as "new and dangerous appeasement."

"This would offer a change in name and not in substance," the letter to Truman warned. "As the record shows, a monarchy will maintain the authoritarian practices which have been the distinguishing feature of the Franco regime."

Immediate action is urgent, the group declared, because Franco Spain "is an imminent threat to international peace and security."



FRANCO

State CP Backs Spain Pickets Sat.

Communists and all other anti-fascists were urged to join the mass picket line in front of the Spanish consulate, Madison Ave., at 53d St., on Saturday at 11 a.m., in a statement issued yesterday by the New York State Secretariat of the Communist Party.

The demonstration has been called by the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade and the American Committee for Spanish Freedom.

"Ten leading Spanish Republicans have just been executed," the secretariat's statement said. "The axe threatens many more. Antonio Nunez, heroic anti-fascist fighter, faces danger of being

killed even without trial.

"But Franco's murderous, terroristic regime still stands supported by diplomatic recognition and economic help freely given him by our government. The time has come to halt this shameful farce."

Saturday's demonstration must be "the first action to make Madrid the tomb of fascism in 1946," the Party statement added. It urged protests to the State Department demanding "an immediate halt to fascist terror in Spain" and immediate rupture of relations with Spain. The secretariat's statement was signed by Robert Thompson, Israel Amter and William Norman.

The fate of Franco's tyranny in Spain hung on the attitude of the United States and Great Britain today, as democratic France again took the initiative in proposing a joint break in relations with the last formal fascist state in Europe.

International attention mounted, with the real possibility that the screws were on Franco at last. The diplomatic picture shaped up as follows:

1—In Paris, Foreign Minister Georges Bidault told the French Assembly's foreign affairs commission that he was sending new proposals to the United States and Britain for a joint break in relations with Spain.

Bidault, under tremendous pressure from an aroused French public, which vigorously protested the latest murders of Spanish Republicans, indicated that France was prepared to bring the matter before the UNO Security Council. Bidault will make an extended statement to the Assembly's Foreign Affairs Commission next Wednesday.

U. S. NOTE

2—The State Department admitted yesterday that an American note had been sent to France and Britain "in regard to the situation in Spain," but declined to give details on the grounds that neither country had had time to reply. British circles admitted receiving the U.S. note.

United Press speculated that the American note proposed the ousting of dictator Franco and the creation of a "caretakers' government" until the Spanish people decided their own form of rule.

The United States was said to oppose actual military intervention and desired that the "most stable elements" should form a temporary government, without touching off bloodshed.

United Press said the American note proposed representatives of the Spanish army and judiciary in such a temporary government, including also Spanish political exiles.

There was no hint of recognition to the republic-in-exile, headed by Deigo Martinez Barrios and Premier Jose Giral. Both these leaders are

now in France negotiating a broadening of their government with Dolores Ibaruri of the Spanish Communist Party and other democratic elements.

CALLS UP MOORS

3—Franco reacted to the rising international pressure by ordering Moroccan troops to the French border. He thus anticipated France's decision to close the border, which was to become effective on March 1.

Fifteen hundred Moors were reported by United Press to have closed all traffic at the international bridge in Hendaye and along the passes of the Pyrenees.

Though French sources were doubtful about closing communications between French and Spanish Morocco—theoretically under the Sultan of Morocco—Rabat dispatches said the Spanish fascists had already done so.

4—British Foreign Office spokesmen, however, indicated that Britain did not favor the French action and looked doubtfully upon the reported American note. British spokesmen were quoted as feeling that pressure upon Franco was enabling him to pose as a hero in the eyes of Spaniards.

It was clear that Britain—despite her Labor government—would prove the most stubborn obstacle in bringing Franco to his doom.

On the other hand, the General Council of the Trades Union Congress today joined the tide of protest against Franco by protesting the execution of Cristino Garcia Granada and nine other Spanish Republicans, and calling for a break in diplomatic relations with Spain.

Sir Victor Mallett, British ambassador to Spain, has submitted a report on the executions, a foreign office spokesman said, but the details were not available for publication.

5—In France, preparations went forward to seal the border tight on the French side. Both Socialist and Communist newspapers hailed the government's decision, pressing for more vigorous action.

The French Railwaymen Union had already enforced the rupture of French-Spanish communications at 6 a.m. under orders of the General Confederation of Labor.

Peron Lags in Argentine Poll

BUENOS AIRES, Feb. 27 (UP).—Dr. Jose Tamborini, democratic presidential candidate, steadily forged ahead of his Nationalist-Laborite opponent Col. Juan D. Peron today as returns from Sunday's election increased in volume.

Tabulations in 104 precincts scattered over four provinces gave Tamborini 9,389 votes to Peron's 6,207. The democratic standard-bearer led by nearly 2 to 1 in three provinces, San Juan, San Luis and La Rioja, having an aggregate of 28 electoral college votes. Peron led only in Santiago del Estero, which has 16 electoral votes.

Reports persisted in the press that Peron was preparing to leave Argentina if Dr. Tamborini's election became certain, in order not to be here when the democratic victory was celebrated.

Truman, Hoover Ask US Eat Less

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—President Truman today appealed to the American people to thin their diet to relieve famine abroad, and then called on ex-President Herbert Hoover to assist him in the program.

Hoover, whom World War I vets and ex-apple sellers will recall as an expert diet-thinner, heads a list of 13 "public spirited citizens" whom Truman has invited to meet at the White House Friday to develop the program.

None of the 13 is a farmer or representative of a labor or farm organization.

While the group has been invited to discuss reduction of "food consumption in this country," Hoover will be in a favorable position to influence the distribution of relief abroad and thus political events in European countries.

In addition to Hoover, who already accepted invitations were sent to:

Eric Johnston, president of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce; Eugene Meyer, publisher of the Washington Post; Justin Miller, president of the National Association of Broadcasters; Henry Luce, publisher of Time, Life and Fortune magazines; Dr. George H. Gallup, Young & Rubicam; Clarence Francis, chairman of the board of the General Foods Corp.; Sheldon Clark, vice president of the Sinclair Oil Corp.

Berle, Now Jobless, Quits Brazil for U.S.

RIO DE JANEIRO, Feb. 27 (UP).—American Ambassador Adolf F. Berle, Jr., whose resignation has been accepted by President Truman, left for the United States by air at noon today.

Rankin Dodge Beaten Despite GOP Aid

By ROB R. HALL

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—A duel with words and roll call votes between Adolph J. Sabath (D-Ill) and John Rankin (D-Miss) on the issue of the un-American Committee ended in a draw today. But at the end of three hours of a bitter parliamentary fight, it was obvious that:

● Rankin had failed in his attempt to gag critics of his un-American committee.

● The Republican Party must take a large share of the responsibility of Rankin and Rankinism. Every Republican present—with the exception of Augustus Bennett of New York—supported Rankin in a key test vote.

Helen Douglas Mankin, the Atlanta schoolmarm who took her seat in the House of Representatives only yesterday, indicated that she will play a progressive role in the House by voting consistently against Rankin.

The fireworks started when Helen Gahagan Douglas (D-Calif) blasted the activities of the Rankin Committee and referred to an anti-Jewish statement made by George Niklas, a committee investigator.

Rankin gained the floor on a point of order from Rep Sabath because of a letter the Illinois member had sent to the chairman of the un-American committee, protesting the activities of Niklas and the committee's counsel Ernie Adamson. This letter had been inserted in the Congressional Record under the heading "The House Un-American Committee." This title, said Rankin, reflected on him and on this "great committee" established by the House.

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RED-BAITS

Rankin insisted that this was the phraseology used by the Communist Party and by its chairman William Z. Foster in referring to the committee and he inferred that Sabath and Mrs. Douglas were members of the Party.

Rankin then began to read from an ancient article written by Foster 30 years ago.

Sabath interjected to ask what this had to do with his letter. The chairman demanded that Rankin come to the point. The Mississippi moved that the letter of Sabath's be stricken from the record.

Rep. Vito Marcantonio (ALP-NY) moved to table Rankin's motion.

The Republican side rushed to Rankin's aid. By a standing vote they defeated the motion to table.

AFRAID OF ROLL CALL

Marcantonio demanded a roll call and some members who were afraid to go on the record as supporting Rankin quickly left the floor. There were enough Republicans and Southern Democrats to defeat the motion, however. The final tally

was 249 to 161. Roe, Barry and James Delaney, Queens Democrats, supported Rankin.

Thus Rankin was enabled to continue his red-baiting diatribe. Foster, said Rankin in horror, called capitalism "organized robbery." When he completed it, he immediately moved the previous question. Marcantonio pointed out that this would force an immediate vote, thus denying Sabath an opportunity to answer Rankin's wild charges.

However, a vote on the previous question was called, and again the Republicans and Southern Democrats rallied to Rankin and voted a loud yea. Marcantonio again demanded a roll call and this time the Rankin supporters ran for cover.

The roll call vote represented a complete reversal. The score was 161 yeas to 185 noes, a clear victory for Sabath.

Fearing a more decisive defeat, the Rankin forces offered to withdraw the motion to strike the Sabath letter from the record if Sabath would agree to delete the words "un-American Committee." On this basis, the matter ended and the House turned to consideration of the Patman Housing bill.

Coughlin Seeks to Return to Air Waves

Daily Worker Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—Father Charles E. Coughlin is trying to get back on the air through FM radio, a static-free medium widely regarded as the popular broadcasting method of the future.

Application for Frequency Modulation (FM) license was filed Dec. 12 by the Royal Oak Broadcasting Co., 212 W. Fifth St., Royal

Oak, Michigan, seat of Coughlin's activities.

Officers of the company are listed as George B. Hartrich, president; Bernice B. Hartrich, vice-president; Jacob B. Sparks, treasurer, and Ellis C. Thompson, secretary.

Pressure from church superiors had Coughlin removed from the networks shortly before Pearl Harbor.

Form New Party In Freeport To End Jimcrow

Special to the Daily Worker

FREEPORT, L. I., Feb. 27.—The New Village Party was organized here yesterday to combat local Jimcrow conditions which resulted in the Ferguson slayings Feb. 5.

Designated to carry the party's banner in the March election for city trustees are Mrs. Adele G. Smith, housewife, and Richard Saunders, local Negro sign painter. "The party came into being in response to public clamor over flagrant mistreatment of race relations by Freeport officials," Mrs. Amy S. Tusler, 41 W. First St., chairman of the party, explained.

"Mrs. Smith and Mr. Saunders are running on a program designed to correct these conditions. The platform calls for immediate acceptance of the New York State offer to build the Bennington Park Housing Project. It asks slum clearance. It demands unbiased, responsible civil and police administration, and no more Ferguson cases."

The Negroes killed by Policeman Joseph Romeika were Pfc. Charles R. Ferguson and Alfonso Ferguson, a civilian. Navy Seaman Joseph Ferguson was wounded in the shoulder when the cop, without apparent provocation, fired on the brothers. The cop was whitewashed by Mayor Cyril Ryan, Police Chief Peter Elar, the village trustees, District Attorney James N. Gehrig and the grand jury.

Construction of a community house, youth and child care centers, and supervised playgrounds, is also asked by the New Village Party.

Mrs. Tusler said the party seeks job security for municipal employees and, for the first time, no discrimination.

JOBS

The New Village Party advocates permitting light industry, long barred from the village, to come to Freeport.

Mass Meeting to Tell Story of Freeport

The story of the Freeport slayings will be told at a mass meeting Monday, 8:30 p.m., in Amity Baptist Church, 164-19 108th Ave., Jamaica, L. I.

Called by the Jamaica Branch of the National Association for Advancement of Colored People, the

meeting will hear discussion of the case by Commander Harry W. Brown, Proctor, Hopson Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars; Rev. James R. Moore, pastor of the church; John H. Klugh, president of the Jamaica NAACP, and Harry Raymond, of the Daily Worker staff.

Chairman of the meeting will be Samuel A. Allen. On the supporting committee are Harold Kline, Interracial and Interracial Committee; Capt. Grant Reynolds, American Veterans Committee; Franklin Williams, NAACP attorney; James Ford, Communist Party, and Dr. John A. Singleton, Jamaica Civic Association.

600 AT B'KLYN CP MEET DEMAND DEWEY ACT

Six hundred persons meeting in Aperia Manor, Brooklyn, called on Gov. Dewey to appoint a special prosecutor in the Freeport police slayings.

The meeting, held Tuesday night under auspices of the 2nd AD Communist Party section, heard Councilman Peter V. Cacchione and Daily Worker staff writer Harry Raymond tell the facts behind the shootings.

Other speakers were Paul Crosbie, Queens Communist leader; Earl Jones, actor, and Esther Koch, 2nd AD Communist leader.

The meeting sent \$302 to the Citizens Committee for Justice in Freeport. Those present purchased 1,000 copies of "Dixie Comes to New York," a Daily Worker pamphlet on the case.

AFL Union Asks Dewey Appoint Special Prosecutor

Morris Davis, secretary of Painters, Decorators and Paperhangers Local 848, AFL, announced yesterday that the 1100 members of his union had called on Gov. Dewey to appoint a special prosecutor in the Freeport case. In a letter to the Governor, Davis asked that the case of the killer-cop be taken before a special grand jury, including Negro jurors.

How CIO Packers Licked Jimcrow In 1919 the Bosses Pitted White Against Negro, But Today . . .

By CLAUDIA JONES

The full story of the solid Negro-white unity demonstrated in the recent strike of the CIO United Packing-House Workers is yet to be told.

Herb March, dynamic leader and Regional vice-president of the Chicago Packinghouse Workers CIO Union spotlighted several outstanding ones.

From its very inception, the Packinghouse Workers built their union on Negro-white unity, March said. The degree of Negro-white unity among the members of the union is practically unmatched by any other basic industrial union, he added.

Whence does this tradition of unity spring?

Speaking to Herb March, I learned that the answer lies in the history of the union, in its struggles for the rights of its Negro members.

40-50 PERCENT NEGROES

"Take Chicago," said the union leader. "At the inception of union organization, approximately 20-30 percent of the union members were Negroes. This, in itself was a factor in stimulating the need for understanding the problems of the Negro workers. In turn, it became the basis for the fundamental thinking of the organization as a whole. One-third of the entire union is composed of Negro members. Today, in Chicago approximately 40-50 percent of the Packing House Workers are Negro workers."

I asked March what the sentiment of the workers on the eve of the strike was. He frankly told me that despite this tradition of unity, the union never forgot that the white members were subject to pressure of the white-supremacy ideas of the employers.

"In fact," he stated, "the war had brought an influx of white and Negro workers to Packingtown from below the Mason-Dixon line. Many of the white workers brought all the prejudice and Jimcrow tradition that is not yet an outlaw there. The Negro workers wanted proof of the union's sincerity on their needs. Whereas our union, founded on unity, had never had the need for a special anti-discrimination committee, during the war, it was found necessary to establish such an anti-discrimination committee."

"Our anti-discrimination committee was set up—and at that," said March, "in a union where approximately one half of the local union presidents are Negro and two-thirds of their executive officers are Negro."

March told me further that even with this gain, the employers' prejudiced tactics did not cease. To the white workers they raised the cry of

"Negro domination." To Negro workers they raised the cry that "whites were trying to oust them from leadership posts and that this was the real issue involved in the strikes."

REMEMBERED 1919

Such was the situation on the eve of the strike. It was not accidental therefore that such alien propaganda caused concern among whites. "Would the Negroes be sold



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for the strike?" "Would they stick?" "Would they fall for the employers' tactics that 'now was the time to take over' the union? The white workers remembered in past strikes the use that the employers made of Negro workers as scabs, and the justification Negro workers felt since at that time the AFL union carried on no struggle.

The Negro workers likewise remembered the race riots of 1919 when many packing house workers, fresh from the South, were utilized in anti-Negro riots against them.

But the CIO union and its members also remembered the struggles of the past, their great lessons learned in the anti-fascist war, and they viewed this wage struggle as one that united the workers, Negro and white.

NEGROES FIRM

All this is history now. The Negro workers were solid—and were, in the words of Herb March "the best fighters." The skepticism of some white workers who said "You know how it is, the Negro people have had living conditions, they live hand to mouth and have no reserve" were overcome when the unprecedented unity in the soup kitchen, on picket duty, etc., was demonstrated by Negro strikers everywhere. Important too, was the solidarity of the Negro community to the strike.

ers as well as the white communities around the yards.

The recent rally at DuSable High School was perhaps a high point in the unity. Negro and white packing-house workers flocked to the Negro community. It was amazing to many that an outstanding collection was contributed by white and Negro strikers, who had not yet gotten their full pay check.

Of its significance, March says:

"The result of the meeting was to raise the question of unity to a higher level. For many of the white workers who came to the South Side, in support of the struggles of the Negro workers, especially the refusal of a big hotel to grant the Negro Memorial foundation space for its Negro History rally, this was a new experience. And they were very much impressed."

"The fight against discrimination against Negroes is being recognized more and more by our white members like the fight in the trenches against fascism. White unionists must learn this lesson well. The American Bourbon - Monopolists fought against the establishment of mixed troops in the U. S. Army because they fear its impact on the unity of Negro and white on the labor front."

GIs in Japan Say Mail Service SNAFUd

TOKIO, Feb. 27. — GI's in the occupation force are complaining about the long delays in mail deliveries to and from the States.

One Army transport plane leaves Japan daily and only 10 percent of its pay load goes to regular GI airmail.

This is the only mail plane for all the occupation forces in the Japan area. Lt. John C. Hoops, postal officer at the Atsugi airfield, says, "Under these circumstances the schedule very often cannot be met."

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N. Y. Sites to Open--For Only 164 Vet Families

The much-ballyhooed state housing project will be formally opened on Saturday when 164 veterans and their families move into the Manhattan Beach, Brooklyn, and Fox Hills, S. I. sites.

Gov. Dewey and Mayor O'Dwyer will be present at ceremonies at 10 a.m. at Manhattan Beach and at noon at Fox Hills to mark the transfer of the projects from state to city government.

Of the 23,000 veterans who applied for the state's units, only 164 will be accommodated on Saturday with possibly an additional 128 aided at Manhattan Beach at the end of next week and 230 more at Fox Hills by the end of March, State Commissioner of Housing Herman T. Stichman said yesterday.

Both projects are estimated to house some 1,500 families when finished.

New York City Housing Commissioner Edmond R. Butler has estimated that at least 187,000 families need immediate housing.

The first Quonset hut at the Federal-City emergency project at Canarsie Beach Park, Brooklyn, will be opened today at 1 p.m. with Mayor O'Dwyer attending.

Rentals and names of the "lucky winners" as Stichman called the veterans' families to be selected will be announced today, he said. Veterans will be selected on the

basis of disability, number of children, conditions under which the veterans' families are now living.

The construction costs of the

state projects which took two months to convert from military installations amounted to \$2,900,000, Stichman said.

Ask State End Housing Bias

The American Jewish Congress (AJC) yesterday demanded immediate action by the State Legislature on the Falk bill banning restrictive real estate covenants.

These covenants, which bar certain areas of the city to minority groups, break the city down into ghettos and breed racial and religious tensions. Dr. Stephen S. Wise, president of the AJC, asked immediate hearings on the bill in a

wire to Sen. Philip R. Williamson, chairman of the Judiciary Committee.

"The bill," the wire said, "would prevent court enforcement of such covenants which makes New York State a party to discriminatory practices contrary to . . . declared public policy."

The bill (S 1013) is sponsored by Sen. Alexander Falk, Manhattan Democrat.

Electrical Trust Calls Out Its Dogs AN EDITORIAL

GENERAL ELECTRIC and Westinghouse, the two big electrical plants, wanted violence and police brutality and they are getting it—through deliberate provocation.

The courts, police departments and sheriffs deputies are coming across in the old-fashioned but not unusual way. So the companies, far from settling the strike of 175,000, are thinking of a possibility of breaking through America's solid union front.

The strike was orderly and peaceful for seven weeks. Not a scab appeared in sight anywhere. No alibi for injunctions seemed possible and an East Pittsburgh judge recognized as much.

But at Bloomfield, N. J.; Schenectady, Philadelphia, Bridgeport, Conn., and other struck centers, injunctions were granted.

Yesterday's mobilization of 1,000 Philadelphia police to break up a mass picket line at the GE plant, shows what these multi-million dollar trusts are trying to provoke. The arraignment of five leaders of the Westinghouse local at Bloomfield on contempt charges and a threat of sentences as high as three years, give another indication.

Those who love to prattle about a "new era" of peaceful labor relations ought to study developments in the electrical strike.

The traditional union-busting injunction hasn't been scrapped. No illusions should be drawn from the seemingly "peaceful" character of most strikes since V-J Day. Big business has been only looking for the point of attack.

If they can do the job on the electrical sector they

will quickly swing out against all labor.

Entering the eighth week of its strike, the ranks of United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers remain solid. Their mass picket lines show their fighting spirit.

They only ask for the full backing of their sister or brother unions.

Westinghouse and GE must be shown that they are not fighting just one union.

Has your union answered the roll call?

Has a substantial contribution been sent to the UE's strike relief fund?

The two trusts are watching with interest. So are the suffering families of the fighting UE strikers. It's every man's fight. Show your solidarity!

Cleveland Women Win Round in Nursery Fight

CLEVELAND, Feb. 27.—Never underestimate the power of a woman. Cleveland's City Council learned this tonight.

Faced with the closing of the city's day care centers, the Parents Day Care Association again rallied mothers and sympathizers in two mass demonstrations. This had been done last fall when withdrawal of Lanham Act funds threatened to close the centers.

Last week the Parents Assn. mobilized 150 mothers to see Mayor Burke about keeping the nurseries open. The Mayor told them that the centers would stay open a few days beyond Feb. 23. He said he would make a statement later in the day.

At 4 o'clock, the Mayor promised a 30-day extension of the day care program. He said he would ask the City Council to pass a \$20,000 appropriation.

The public press mocked the women, but in vain. Knowing

Burke's record the women decided to make sure that this was one promise he must keep. Telegrams and phone calls swamped the Mayor and the City Councilmen.

This watchfulness proved necessary. It was learned that the administrator of the day care program had informed all centers that they could expect only three days' funds and would close Feb. 23.

Tonight, the City Council met. Women poured to the City Hall long before meeting time. If the \$20,000 appropriation was not passed, these mothers were going to stay there until it was!

The Councilmen saw the hall filled with women—more than 250 strong, white and Negro united. Unanimously the Councilmen voted to suspend the rules so that the resolution could be acted upon immediately. Unanimously the Councilmen voted to appropriate the \$20,000.

Negro Wins New Post At Private Hospital



DR. ADAIR

Appointment of Frank B. Adair as the first Negro to win an administrative internship in any privately-owned hospital in America was announced yesterday by the Sydenham Hospital here. The post, a new one for Sydenham, provides training in hospital management.

Race Hate Study to Be Made by City College

A practical investigation of techniques used by New York City groups engaged in fighting race hatred will be attempted by students at City College.

The purpose of the study is to make available the mass of material gathered by organizations and to see what works and what doesn't. The study will give a picture of the 50 or more inter-racial and inter-cultural organizations.

35,000 MINE, MILL MEN ON STRIKE ACROSS U.S.

CHICAGO, Feb. 27.—More than 35,000 members of the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers (CIO) are now on strike in plants and mines from coast to coast.

The latest strike, which began Monday, brought out 7,000 workers of 18 plants of the American Smelting and Refining Co., affecting about 60 percent of the country's lead output.

More than 20,000 brass workers of Chase Brass and Copper, Scovill Mfg. and American Brass, most of them in Connecticut, have been out since early this month.

At Utah, mass picketing continues at 17 plants of Utah Copper, American Smelting and U. S. Smelting, at which some 5,000 other workers are on strike.

Also on strike are a number of smaller groups, among them workers of the Laurel Hill plant of Phelps Dodge at Long Island City, N. Y. That company's workers at El Paso, Tex., and at Douglas, Bisbee and Morenci, Ariz., also voted to strike.

The union is demanding a 30 percent wage raise.

A special meeting of the IUMMSW general executive board summoned by President Reid Rob-

Reuther Rumor Factory Working Against CIO Unity

By WILLIAM ALLAN

DETROIT, Feb. 27.—With General Motors workers now on the hundredth day of their strike, vice-president Walter Reuther appears to be far more concerned with another fight—his factional interest in the United Automobile Workers convention at Atlantic City March 23.

Reuther's rumor factory has filled Detroit with stories blaming CIO President Philip Murray for allegedly "blocking" a government fact-finding proposal for a 23 percent raise for GM workers. Murray's object, according to Reuther's caucus rumors, aimed at preventing a higher raise for GM workers than had been obtained for steel labor.

This campaign to scuttle CIO unity is, of course, quite helpful to the enemies of the strikers. John L. Lewis, who hopes to barge into the auto situation, is watching this campaign with particular pleasure.

The real aim of the Reuther campaign is to cover up his own irresponsible "jump the gun" policy contrary to general CIO strategy.

President Murray's attention was recently drawn to Reuther's rumor campaign and he is known to have categorically denied the accusations.

The Reuther pre-convention propaganda is more directly aimed at President R. J. Thomas who opposed the pre-mature GM strike call which was discussed in the UAW's top strategy committee.

Meanwhile, progressives here are concerned about another Reuther

rumor aimed at developing division among those in the union's top leadership who follow a more progressive program. The Reutherites are spreading the story that their main fight is against Thomas.

They suggest the possibility that they will line up behind one of the other top progressive leaders of the UAW for the presidency.

Thus, the strategy of the Reutherites calls for all the possible confusion and splitting that could be developed in the UAW—apparently the only condition in which they hope to succeed.

Chi. Vets Act On Freeport

Special to the Daily Worker

CHICAGO, Feb. 27.—Support for the Wyatt housing proposals was voted by the Chicago Council of Labor Veterans today. A drive to solve the housing crisis was launched by the Council, which represents AFL and CIO unions and veterans' organizations.

The Council went on record protesting the police slaying of the two Ferguson brothers, Negro GIs, at Freeport, L. I.

Hold Dance March 16

CHICAGO.—A Packinghouse Victory Dance will be held by the Southwest Section of the Communist Party on Saturday, March 16, 8:30 p. m. at the South Side Hall, 354 W. 47 St.

VETS' VOICE



Demobilization Concerns All of Us

By JOSEPH CLARK

This should be labeled: FOR NON-VETS ONLY. Many people who should know better think that the vets problem is something concerning Ex-GIs, no one else. Take the issue

of demobilization. It's not dead even though the press has surrounded the question with the silence of the graveyard. Just last week 150 Marines in Honolulu cabled President Truman protesting the "arbitrary action of the Marine Corps in holding up the rapid return of the Marine Corps to peacetime status."

The Corps acted in a way that should arouse every thinking American. They arrested three Marine sergeants for circulating the petition.

Despite the promise that GI demonstrators would not be punished for participating in the January rallies, two members of the nine-man committee in Manila have been transferred out of their units.

Two editors of the Pacific edition of Stars and Stripes have been removed as managing editor and columnist on the paper. They were labeled "disloyal" and ordered from Tokyo to Okinawa. Eighteen members of the newspaper staff protested to Washington, and the transfers were held up pending investigation.

Yes, the unprecedented GI demonstrations all over the world brought some results. A definite schedule was given on demobilization. But the main issue has not been settled. GIs said: we're ready to occupy enemy lands but we don't like to be used as strikebreakers in the Philippines. We don't want to be used to suppress the freedom loving people of China, the Philippines, Hawaii.

Truth is that the progressive movement didn't fully appreciate the significance of the GI demon-

strations. Not only GIs, but folks back home "missed the boat."

Yes, the leaders of the CIO and AFL expressed support for the GIs. Some rallies were held demanding the return of all GIs not needed for occupation of Germany and Japan. But then—silence.

There are still combat vets, hundreds of thousands of them, in the Philippines and China, Italy, Hawaii and all over the map. Even after July there will be combat vets doing "occupation duty" in friendly lands. What they really are doing is a job for Standard Oil and the big monopolists who want to use our troops for the defense of their trade routes, profits, investments and expansion.

And what about the veterans' organizations? Why don't they speak up in behalf of the men they will want to win to their ranks? The Legion, the VFW, the AVC have either been silent or reproved the GIs for wanting to come home. Such a situation would not exist if the progressives in the vet organizations made their influence felt. And if more progressive vets joined the big vet organizations they could get them to speak up for their buddies overseas.

Yes, I'm still speaking to non-vets, because some progressives have been critical of ex-GIs who joined the Legion, the VFW and other major vet groups. A stronger progressive voice among the millions of World War II vets in those organizations would back the GIs still overseas.

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Change the World

by Mike Gold

IN his Sunday night broadcast last week, Walter Winchell manufactured as poisonous a dish of bologna as ever inflicted mass ptomaine on the listeners in this dark age of American radio.

The Great Magoo, in his horrible style of a Coney Island barker selling suckers a show of freaks, nudists and snake charmers, declared war against the Soviet Union.

"And now, Mr. and Mrs. North America and all the ships at sea! Flash! flash! I have painful news for you! The truth must be told!

"The Third World War is already on! It is here! You and I are in it! It is a war against Russia and her allies, and it is being made by America, Great Britain and their allies!

"Flash, flash! this may not sit so well or be understood by fathers and mothers who have sons buried in the fields of Europe or Asia; but two of our



main allies in this World War against Russia are our former enemies, Germany and Japan!

"Flash, flash! there are more than 1,500 Russian spies at large in the United States, trying to steal our atomic bomb, the barbarians! If there is a subway strike in New York, blame Mike Quill, Mr. and Mrs. North America! If there is a single person hurt or killed, it will be Mike's fault. Mike is a foreigner, and takes his orders from Dublin."

And so on and on—the familiar Hearst line, the line of J. Edgar Hoover, one of America's most sinister reactionaries and Walter Winchell's political advisor and guide. Pre-Hitler poison, the stuff that gets into the blood of a democracy and saps its last resistance!

A BROADWAY stooppigeon sold for \$3 to a reporter I know the startling tip that Walter Winchell was another of the recruits now being scraped, keel-hauled, defumigated and otherwise happily ready for entrance into the Catholic Church, to join Clare Luce, Louis Budenz, Francisco Franco and other famous people who turned from

lousy materialism and decadent democracy to fascism and the good old spiritual life.

But I do not believe this tip to be authentic. It only cost three bucks, and therefore cannot be a high-grade tip resembling the truth.

Walter happens to be Jewish. How could a Father Coughlin, a Father Curran or other such anti-Semites now captains in the war accept recruits like Winchell? They have long hated and defamed Walter for his campaign against the German Nazis and American fascists.

Be it so or not, be it true or not that Walter Lippmann and Dorothy Thompson are also being readied by Father Fulton Sheen for admission into the anti-Soviet spiritual army, I cannot believe that Winchell would ever be persona grata.

WHY should Walter Winchell, an American Jew like myself, be so happy over the prospect of an atomic bomb war against the Soviet Union?

This, for a Jew who can read, write and think, is as crazy as throwing a wild whoopee party and inviting all your

friends to celebrate your forthcoming suicide!

Contrary to Winchell, there is not yet a world war being fought by America and Britain against the Soviet Union. Our people don't happen to be in the mood. Our soldiers want to come home from the last war. The workers want trade unions, job security, better and clothing and housing, instead of war and inflation.

Only monopoly capitalism wants to destroy the Soviet Union and all emerging democracy in postwar Europe; monopoly and its allies, the Hearsts, Coughlins, J. Edgar Hoovers.

But if they would plunge the world into atomic war, it could only be done by suppressing democracy in the United States. They would first have to destroy trade unions, free speech, free elections, free religion, ruthlessly suppress the Negro movement for justice and organize Nazi pogroms to annihilate the Jews of America.

Only a fascist America could be mobilized to fight the Soviet Union. In such a war, in such an America, Winchell would be the first victim to fall. He is nuts to holler for war.

Letters from Our Readers



Demands Trial for Freeport Killer

Long Island City, N. Y.
Editor, Daily Worker:

I have just sent the following letter to J. N. Gehrig, District Attorney of Nassau County, in regard to the Freeport case:

"Recently I returned from four years of active duty in the Navy. Much of that time was spent on a ship which saw at least five major encounters with the enemy. On that ship were over 30 Negro sailors. They were shipmates to be proud of.

"Many of us are back from the war for freedom and democracy. But what goes on in America? What goes on in Freeport, Long Island? Two GIs are shot and killed in an American street with an American gun for having the gall to ask for a cup of coffee—and wanting to pay for it—in a public restaurant.

"I ask that you bring this trigger-happy policeman to book in the American way. I ask that you take him out of uniform, take his smoking gun away, and bring him before a grand jury composed of citizens both black and white—a jury that will get at the real truth and act on it in the proper way.
D. RAPPAPORT.

Is Uniformed Killer Above the Law?

New York.
Editor, Daily Worker:

The following is part of a letter I wrote to the Mayor of Freeport:

"It is not easy for me to find words adequately to express my sense of indignation at the fact that the law-enforcing agencies in your city have been found incompetent to extend the full measure of the protection of the law to all residents of Freeport. I refer of course to the shockingly lawless conduct both of some of your citizens and of a member of your police force that led to the death of the two veterans of this war (one of them actually a reenlisted soldier), to the wounding of a third and to the imprisonment of a fourth. Surely the wife and three little children of one of the veterans killed have a right to expect more from the country that their father and husband so recently defended! Surely the veterans of this war deserve a better fate than they got at the hands of a killer who wears a police uniform and therefore thinks himself above the law of this land!"
MORRIS U. SCHAPPES.

The Editors welcome your opinions and contributions to this page. Due to lack of space letters should be limited to 150 words so as to permit the printing of as many as possible. Please include full name and address with your letters. We will withhold names upon request.

An Earlier Case of Freeport Discrimination

Freeport, N. Y.
Editor, Daily Worker:

Apropos the shooting of the Negro boys here recently, can you see any connection between that case and the one of the Negro girl, Linda Lee, who was refused service in the Franklin Square Diner and whose court action against her in the District Court of Nassau County? This decision was rendered just before the Ferguson killings. It might just be possible that the Lee case acted as a green light.
READER

Race Hatred Part Of Capitalist System

Detroit, Mich.
Editor, Daily Worker:

The Freeport GI slayings reported in the Sunday Worker, Feb. 17, but serve to remind us of the deepening, ever-growing crisis of a dying capitalism. Race hatred is part of the capitalist

system. To do away completely with race bias, we must abolish the system which engenders it.

We must intensify our struggle against race hatred. We must see that not a stone is left unturned until the guilty policeman is brought to trial and the Ferguson family compensated insofar as is possible.
J. F. JOHNSON.

Chiang's Resignation Long Overdue

Vancouver.
Editor, Daily Worker:

The report of Chiang Kai-shek's probable early resignation is more than likely only a rumor. Many resignations besides his, for instance Ho Yin Chin and his confederates, will be necessary before China will have a progressive, democratic and beneficial government for the common people of China.

In fact the Generalissimo's resignation is some 18 years overdue. Had he stepped out many years ago there would be fewer widows and orphans and more husbands and fathers in China today. Much suffering, misery and strife would have been avoided if he had followed the policies of the great Sun Yat Sen.
J.J.

'Daily' Needs More Improvement

New York
Editor, Daily Worker:

Last Sunday morning several comrades and myself took the Sunday Worker out to the neighborhood longshoremen. We found that generally those who had read the paper previously didn't want it. It was too heavy reading, too much politics, etc.

To one housewife I tried to point out the women's page, but that Sunday there was no such thing. Nothing on nurseries, child care or women!

How can we convince the working people in our city to read our paper if we don't approach them on the things that touch them most closely, and give them a paper that will appeal to them? Changes have been made, but they are not enough and not consistently carried through. Last Sunday's actual experience brought this home to me very sharply.
F.L.

Apartment Hunting

Brooklyn, N. Y.
Editor, Daily Worker:

People told me that it was hard to find an apartment—but that was before I had really gone "apartment hunting." My veteran husband and I recently ventured into the lower East Side to have a look and see just how bad the situation is.

From Delancey and Clinton to 34th and Lexington, we climbed stairs and knocked on doors asking for a vacancy at every possible place. We tried to cast aside any preconceived ideas we had about our future "home" and looked at places that we thought might prove to be fairly livable.

We saw only vacant top-floor walk-ups in five-story buildings; cold-water flats with toilets in the hall. One of these places had a stove and sink in the main "front room" which was about eight feet square with two windows looking out on a filthy backyard. The second "room" was windowless and was about six feet square. The floors were falling apart and the loose planks, with wide spaces between them, are breeding places for filth and vermin.

These are the places in which our veterans families are being forced to live.

VETERAN'S WIFE.

Gates Fought in Order to Fight

by Joseph Clark

WHEN the bombs fell on Pearl Harbor there weren't many men more anxious for a crack at the fascists than John Gates. But it was years after he enlisted on Dec. 17, 1941, before he was in there, gun in hand, facing the enemy he knew so well.

He's out of the army now, 49 months after enlisting, and is the new national veterans director of the Communist Party.

In his office yesterday he told me the almost unbelievable story of his long fight against hide-bound desk strategists for the right to fight our German and Japanese foe.

Short of stature, rugged as a rock, this former leader of the Young Communist League knew what the shooting was all about. For two long years he had fought with the Abraham Lincoln Brigade in the bloody battles of Cordoba, Aragon and the Ebro. Then 23 years old, Gates rose to the rank of Lt. Colonel as Lincoln Brigade commissar.

But in the U.S. army, when his armored artillery battalion was alerted to go overseas in '43, orders came from Washington to yank Johnny out of his organization. He was hounded from Washington and interrogated wherever he went. His buddies and commanding officers were furious. His Lt. Colonel and every last man in his outfit went to bat for him.

The big brass in Washington who were banking on a long easy war didn't want to use the fighting talents of this man who had proved himself under fire. The case was carried to the very halls of Congress, but it wasn't till March of '45 that Johnny was finally fighting the Nazis with the 17th Airborne Division in the battle of the Ruhr.

In November, '43, Johnny was sent to the Aleutians, where he served seven months. Still bucking, not for rank or privilege, but for the right to fight, Johnny volunteered for the paratroops.

It was with the 466th Parachute Field Artillery that Johnny helped chase and rout the Nazis in the Ruhr pocket. He was then technical sergeant in charge of operations.

After V-E Day he was transferred to the 101st Airborne Division where he became Battery B topkick of the 463d Parachute Field Artillery.

Now Johnny is a member of the National Committee of the Communist Party. The friendly smile vanished from his face as he condemned "the raw deal vets are getting in their search for jobs and a home to live in."

Gates said he was fully aware of the great responsibility of his new job "because of the tremendous problems that face the returning GI." He warned about a new drive, in line with the reactionary policy of "imperialist expansion, to eliminate from the army all the more democratic features that had been introduced in the course of the war against fascism.

He cited the dumping of the army's educational program and the removal of progressive GIs from this program, even though their commanding officers back them to the hilt.

"A real blow against democracy in the army," Gates said, "is the move to persecute Communists and change the policy of judging and advancing men solely on the basis of merit and loyalty to the principles for which we fought. This is part of the program to subvert everything we fought for in this war."

Gates stressed the need for building the Communist Party among vets.

"All my experiences in two wars against fascism, have convinced me," Gates said, "that the struggle to remove the causes of fascism and war can be finally successful only through the socialist reorganization of society. Vets are learning from their own experience that big business bars their way to jobs and a decent life for their families."

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The Transport Workers Victory

LIKE a lynch mob deprived of its victim. That's what most New York papers looked like yesterday morning after the transit settlement was announced.

Robbed of their hope of a lynching bee, the publishers consoled themselves with "Quill Gives In" headlines, to blot out the real advance which places the \$2 increase and 14 other economic demands before a special commission.

The frenzy of the press showed that while the union, the men and Quill tried every way to avoid a strike, the editor-provocateurs hoped for chaos, violence and disorganization in order to club down the demands of the faithful employees who run New York's transit system.

The union wants improvement in wage standards. This comes first.

The fight for collective bargaining is part and parcel of that economic goal—better pay.

The reactionary press directed all its venom and deceit against Quill precisely because he has never faltered as a fighter for higher wages and improvement of working conditions.

The transport workers wanted a condition under which their demands would get some real consideration, for a change, and they obtained it by the strategy of their leaders.

Even the conservative Sun columnist David Lawrence wrote a column conceding that the TWU had a right to a collective bargaining contract. The Sun suppressed that column from its Tuesday issue.

The city's millions are with the transit workers and the commission taking up the demands is fully aware of that now.

Now comes the New York Post and editorially boils over with sympathy for all the 175,000 city employees. This paper proposes a "permanent and impartial board" to handle disputes.

What the Post doesn't want to recognize is the plain fact that any solution which attempts to skirt around real collective bargaining is no solution.

Real collective bargaining—a contract with a union chosen by the workers—that is the real issue. And the Transport Workers Union has dramatized it so well and so emphatically that every newspaper reader in New York must be conscious of it.

America and Manchuria

THE Soviet radio has announced that the bulk of Red Army troops are withdrawing from Manchuria. Chinese reports say that Gen. George C. Marshall is coming home. Every American mother and father, with a boy overseas, will ask: when do our soldiers come home, too?

In the whole uproar over Manchuria, it's sometimes forgotten the U. S. has 60,000 soldiers in north China.

Why should our men remain after the Communist-Kuomintang agreements are signed? Does anyone seriously expect the Russians to withdraw from a region across their own borders, while Americans, under imperialist-minded generals, arrive from 6,000 miles away to take over?

Nobody has to agitate the USSR to recognize Manchuria as part of China. She has already done so. There's no sign yet that the United States will withdraw.

It's worth remembering that the Red Army helped to save American lives by smashing Japan's most powerful land force—the Kwantung army. Both the late President Roosevelt and Winston Churchill understood the value of such aid when they invited the USSR to help beat Japan as long ago as February, 1945, at the Yalta conference.

It's worth remembering that the "preeminent interest" of the USSR in these areas was also recognized at Yalta. And the Chiang Kai-shek government invited the USSR to share in control of the main railways and Port Arthur and Dairen in the treaty of last August.

Of course, the right-wing, fascist elements of the Kuomintang don't like that. They don't like peace in China either. They fear the effects of the accord with the Communists. And so they are yelling about Manchuria.

To be sure, there are American imperialists who now want to grab Manchuria for themselves.

One thing is sure: the USSR has eradicated every vestige of Japanese feudal fascism in Manchuria, and thereby lifted an immense burden from the Chinese people.

Can we say the same in Japan itself? Would the entrenchment of American corporations in Manchuria serve either American popular interests or the interests of China?



WASHINGTON NOTES

A GOP Sweep in '48?

by Rob F. Hall

WASHINGTON.

DEAR — I have just received your letter in which you express doubts as to the wisdom of the labor-progressive camp cocking an eye toward a third party movement after 1946. You say you are afraid that there will be a reactionary Republican sweep in 1948.

I, too, am afraid there will be a Republican sweep in 1948. And I fear that Mr. Truman is unintentionally doing everything possible to guarantee a GOP victory.



Take this matter of oil. Edwin E. Pauley, recommended by Truman for Under-Secretary of the Navy, owns tidal oil lands producing 1,000 barrels of oil a day. He wants the control of tidal oil lands left in the hands of the states and he has spent most of his political career opposing federal ownership of these lands.

Oil and Politics

Harold Ickes, who, until Mr. Truman attacked his veracity, was Secretary of the Interior, said that Pauley, as treasurer of the Democratic Party, suggested there was \$300,000 in it for the Democratic Party if the Government would respect the wishes of the oil companies.

Pauley denied that later but his story was so full of contradictions, very few people believed him.

But Mr. Truman insists that Pauley's appointment go to the Senate. Whether or not it is confirmed, the Pauley story is a scandal which will be used with great effect by the Republican Party against the Democrats.

Truman CAN Fight When He Wants to

A few weeks ago, when a little band of Senators and a whole army of plain people were struggling for the passage of a bill to enact a permanent FEPC, Mr. Truman said there was nothing he could do. He was in

favor of the bill, he said, but he couldn't force Senators to vote for it.

But now we are seeing when Mr. Truman really wants something he knows how to crack a whip. He is cracking the whip on the Pauley appointment and, with a few exceptions, the Democratic Senators are going down the line.

Perhaps the best case in point is that of Sen. Dennis M. Chavez (D-NM), who introduced the FEPC bill and gave it lukewarm leadership through the floor fight. But when the cloture vote failed, Chavez agreed to displace the bill. It was clearly revealed that Chavez was no fighter when the fighting got tough.

But how about Chavez on the Pauley appointment? He told the Associated Press that while he was not enthusiastic about it, he would back Pauley. On FEPC, Truman was quiet. But on Pauley, the President cracked the whip. This can be duplicated on other fronts.

For weeks, the Administration contended that it was possible to have higher wages and lower prices and that business was doing so well that it could absorb the increased costs of higher wages. But Truman surrendered to the steel trust, gave them a \$5 a ton increase in price, and announced that the price line in

general would hold.

But now we are told that we must pay higher prices for meat and that labor must be satisfied with wage increases of less than 20 percent, i.e. a cut in take-home pay.

People May Vote With Their Feet

Bowles may be a fine, progressive gentleman but his function at the moment seems to be providing a liberal coloration to an Administration that is giving the trusts 90 percent of what they want. If the Administration feels that the people ought to be satisfied with the ten percent left-over, all we can say is that the people have different ideas.

This isn't the record with which the Democratic Party can go to the people and get votes. Even if PAC be stirred itself and campaigned like mad for the Democratic Party, the people wouldn't forget Oilman Pauley and price rises. In this kind of situation, the people vote with their feet—they stay home on election day.

Therefore, it is because I am afraid of a Republican sweep in 1948 that I am firmly of the opinion that labor and the progressives have but one choice, and that is, after the 1946 elections, to get busy and build their own independent political instrument on a national basis.

Worth Repeating

The St. Louis AFL newspaper, "Labor," discusses the labor movement and the veterans: "More and more returning veterans are discovering what a cruel hoax reactionary newspapers and other anti-union elements played on them during the war when they pictured workers at home as 'living the life of Riley' and pocketing fantastic wages. Many of them got the impression that veterans generally were rolling up \$100 to \$150 a week in their pay envelopes. Coming back, however, they are finding that most jobs available pay only a fraction of that. Reactions of these veterans can be duplicated all over the country and that explains, union chiefs say, why the great majority of demobilized GIs have become staunch champions of unionism—to the great dismay of labor-baiters who hoped to use them as a spearhead for an offensive against labor."

WFTU Urges Fight to Gain Rightful Place in UNO

Wireless to Allied Labor News

PARIS, Feb. 27.—The executive bureau of the World Federation of Trade Unions said yesterday that it is "disappointed and perturbed" that the United Nations Organization failed to accept world labor's offer of close cooperation. The bureau called upon all WFTU affiliates to press their governments "to remedy this unsatisfactory state of affairs."

The bureau also disclosed that WFTU president Sir Walter Citrine and general secretary Louis Saillant are going to Berlin to present to the Inter-Allied Control Commission the findings of the WFTU delegation which just returned from three weeks in Germany.

The WFTU offered the UNO the close cooperation of over 60,000,000 workers, an executive bureau resolution said. "Instead of cordially welcoming such cooperation, the UNO, owing to the action of certain governments, relegated the WFTU to a subordinate position as regards consultation."

"The UNO has suggested no practical manner by which the WFTU could participate in Social and

Economic Council deliberations. It has placed the WFTU, despite its unique character as the representative of almost all of organized world labor, in the same position as national bodies."

"By this action, the UNO has encouraged disunion in the world labor movement. The WFTU will take advantage of the representation thus granted, while it will insist on its right to submit to the UNO its own proposals which it may consider its duty to make in the interest of all workers."

(British and American delegates at UNO led the fight against the Soviet proposal that WFTU be represented on the Social and Economic Council, and forced inclusion of the AFL and other organizations besides WFTU as guests of UNO.)



THOREZ

U. S. Troops Imperialist Threat, Brazil Communist Charges

Wireless to the Daily Worker

RIO DE JANEIRO, Feb. 27.—American troops in the Brazilian bases of Belem, Natal, Recife and Salvador "represent a menace to our democracies and a threat of new imperialist aggression," Arruda Camara, Communist leader, warned here this week.

Camara has just returned from the congress of the Cuban People's Socialist Party, where similar charges were made regarding American forces in Cuba. He asserted that no justification exists for maintenance of the American bases, now that the war is over.

Commenting upon the U. S. State Department's Blue Book on Argentina, Luis Carlos Prestes said:

"It is inadmissible for the State Department, exploiting past attitudes, to prepare the field ideologically for a war between Brazil and Argentina. A war of that type does not interest our peoples, but only English and North American monopolies."

Prestes asserted that the Communist Party will oppose such a

war with all its strength and that the Brazilian people are alive to any provocations. Fascist remnants in both Argentina and Brazil must be liquidated and democracy achieved peacefully, he said.

On this score he commended the Blue Book for having proved participation of the Integralists—Brazilian fascists in the Argentine-Nazi plan. He challenged the Brazilian Government to dissolve

the Popular Representation Party, which is the Integralists' current mask, and prosecute its leaders.

The State Department's denunciation was criticized as tardy and incomplete "because it does not mention other governments implicated in criminal aid to the Nazis and their war preparations." Prestes cited economic aid from Brazil to Germany by the former Vargas government.

See French Bid For Ruhr Talks French Cabinet Asks Soviet To Send Wheat

PARIS, Feb. 27 (UP).—The French Government was reported today to be considering proposing to the United States, Britain and the Soviet Union a four-power conference to settle Germany's western frontiers.

The proposal, it was understood, will be embodied in a note which the Foreign Office is drafting in reply to one from the United States several weeks ago regarding the French attitude toward the Ruhr and Rhineland, which France would like to see under international control.

The American note was examined at yesterday's cabinet meeting and Foreign Minister Georges Bidault was instructed to draft the reply.

CLOTHING SHORT;

American Woolen reports last year's net profits after taxes at \$8,301,140 after taxes (and before the latest price "relief"). The previous year it was only \$5,294,908.

Two Spy Suspects Arrested in Cuba

HAVANA, Feb. 27 (UP).—Cuban authorities have arrested two men suspected of being international spies but no names or details will be disclosed until interrogation is completed, it was officially announced today.

It was said that the men had arrived on one of two Spanish steamers which came in yesterday, but that report was not confirmed.

FAIR POLL NOT POSSIBLE NOW, GREEK PREMIER SAYS

ATHENS, Feb. 27 (UP).—Present conditions in Greece do not permit a free and fair expression of the people's will, Premier Themistokles Sophoulis said today.

His statement was prompted by the recent announcement that all leftist parties will abstain from voting if the elections are held as scheduled on March 31.

If parties of the so-called center

also abstain, the elections would be almost impossible.

Dr. Henry Grady, chief of the American mission to observe the elections, told newsmen:

"If despite repeated assurances from the Premier the date is deferred, we shall report to our governments, which will decide on our further stay here."



Sewing Machines for Birobidjan: Students of the Central High School of Needle Trades set up one of the used machines pledged by the Sewing Machine Dealers of America to train some 30,000 Jewish war orphans to be settled in the Jewish Autonomous region in the Soviet Far East. Further aid to Soviet Birobidjan will be planned at a conference of the Icar Association and the American Birobidjan Committee (Ambijan) on March 9 and 10 at Hunter College, 69 St. at Park Ave.

Term Pole Peasant Party A Front for Reaction

WARSAW, Feb. 27 (Polpress).—The Polish government organ, Rzeczpospolita today charged that Vice Premier Stanislaw Mikolajczyk's Polish Peasant Party, in refusing to join a common party stand in the

forthcoming Polish elections, had formed "a bloc with reaction" against "the united democratic bloc."

The official Polish publication accused the peasant party leaders of provoking a sharp election struggle at a time when reconstruction and Poland's international prestige required unity at home.

It declared that "reaction, unable to come out in the open, will go to the polls under the Polish Peasant Party banners."

Poles Doom Nazi Liquidator of Ghetto

WARSAW (Polpress) Feb. 27.—A special court in Czestochowa had handed down a death sentence for Heinrich Kester, liquidator of the Czestochowa Ghetto. Kester was found guilty of personally slaying Jewish women and children.

Evacuation of Germans from Lower Silesia, pre-war German territory re-annexed by Poland, has reached a rate of 3,000 a day.

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ARTISTS' LEAGUE OF AMERICA—Studio Workshop, 77 Fifth Ave., 7-10 p.m. Painting class—life model—instructor. CP VETS are invited to hear Max Weiss discuss "Strategy and Tactics and the CP Program for Socialism" tonight—Thursday, 8 p.m., in the Henry Forbes Auditorium, 35 E. 12 St., third floor. Manhattan Vets Educational Committee.

Tomorrow Manhattan

GREENWICH VILLAGE POLKESAY, Earle Conrad—short talk on Negro Songs of Protest. Illustrated by recordings of Larry Gilbert; mass singing; folk and social dancing. Sub. 80¢. 430 Avenue of the Americas, Friday, 8-10 p.m.

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CHORUS REHEARSAL—Newly formed Brooklyn's People's Chorus meets Friday night, March 1, 8 p.m., at 959 Flatbush Ave. B'klyn. Inv. Robinson, conductor. For information call INgersoll 2-1149.

Coming

"NATIONAL MINORITIES IN THE USSR," topic of forum at School of Jewish Studies, Saturday, March 2, 3 p.m., at 13 Astor Pl., fifth floor. The speaker will be Max Levin, chairman of Board of Directors, Ambijan. This forum will be conducted in English. Admission 35 cents.

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Allied Aid Fosters New Italy Fascists

By HELEN SIMON

Italian Carabinieri armed with Allied sub-machine guns protected a fascist conclave in Rome last week. As Anglo-American authorities looked on, an enthusiastic follower of the "Il Fonte dell'Uomo Qualunque" (Common Man Front) shouted "Duce!"

The Front's Leader, Guglielmo Giannini, orated heatedly against the "danger of Bolshevik dictatorship."

At this meeting, the Front's first national convention, the movement for power was officially launched.

Anglo-American troops are still the last word in Italy. Under the Oct. 30, 1943, declaration of Big Three Foreign Secretaries at Moscow, they are pledged to "the fundamental principle that fascism and all its evil influences and emanations shall be utterly destroyed."

But L'Uomo Qualunque flourishes. And it is fascism under a new guise—neo-fascism, as the Italian Communist and Socialist Parties have called it in their many demands that it be suppressed.

It has developed a mass base

especially in backward rural communities and among returning war prisoners by the demagogic device of blaming Italy's misery economic chaos and ruin on the active democratic forces in the Committee's National Liberation.

It aims its main fire at the Socialist and Communist Parties while ranting against all parties as Mussolini did 27 years ago.

RECRUITS EX-FASCISTS

It recruits tens of thousands of ex-fascists, attracted by its constant attacks on the policy of purging fascists.

It names top industrialists who financed fascism—Donagani, Pirelli, Valetti—as the proper "administrators" to supersede politicians in running Italy.

It praises monarchist politicians

like Vittorio Emanuele Orlando and Francesco Nitti. It gave its approval to the right wing Liberal Party last November when it provoked the fall of Feruccio Parri's coalition cabinet.

Giannini himself was never a big shot fascist. It might be said that he was held in reserve for just such a revival as this.

As playwright and journalist he supported Mussolini when, after several tries, he was admitted into the Fascist Party in July, 1941, his membership was made retroactive to March, 1925.

His movement today is reputedly

financed by the two Scalera brothers who donated millions to finance Mussolini's March on Rome and still own a huge fortune amassed under fascism.

It is defended by the monarchist organ, Italia Nuova. When one frankly fascist underground group was arrested in North Italy recently, it was learned that distribution of Giannini's paper was one of its activities.

Italian progressives discount Giannini's own boasts that he has close to a million followers. But they say that danger of a fascist coup exists if L'Uomo Qualunque ever gets together officially with the monarchist military organizations and with the highly dangerous underground fascists of the "Black Brigades."

Allied authorities have not yet arrested important fascist leaders. Carlo Scorza, last secretary of the Fascist Party, is at large and is said to be organizer of mushrooming fascist organizations in the north.

Scorza was nabbed in a Jesuit institution near Rome some months ago, and released after Jesuit insistence that he was just the institution's librarian. When authorities looked again, the "monk" had disappeared.

If the Anglo-Americans stop protecting the fascists and neo-fascists and at long last permit holding of elections to the Constituent Assembly, Italian anti-fascists are confident a new democratic constitution and government will be capable of destroying all vestiges of fascism like L'Uomo Qualunque.

CIO FURRIERS WIN BACK JOB FOR INJURED VETERAN

A request by a veteran for leave of absence because of illness before returning to his job is an application for re-employment, the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled in a case brought by the CIO Fur and Leather Workers.

Joseph Grasso, 26, of Newark, was refused employment by A. J. Crowhurst & Sons, Belleville, N. Y., leather tanners, when he sought to return. The court ruled yesterday that he is entitled to his job as soon as he is physically able.

Bringing the first suit in New Jersey to compel compliance with the selective service rules on rehiring veterans, the union filed the

claim in May, 1944. It charged that Grasso's activity in Local 27 of the union was the real cause of the company's attitude.

Battling for six months to enforce the company to live up to the laws on veterans, the union received unfavorable decisions in the lower courts. These were reversed by the Circuit Court's ruling.

The CIO National War Relief Committee filed a brief in support as "a friend of the court." Irving Abramson, then New Jersey CIO president, also entered the fight along with Isserman & Isserman, the Fur and Leather Workers' attorneys.

FBI to Probe Peoria Slaying

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Feb. 27. — The Federal Bureau of Investigation will investigate the slaying of two strikers Feb. 6 on George P. McNear's Toledo, Peoria & Western Railroad, U. S. District Attorney Edward Doyle announced here.

The Department of Justice entered the case after receiving a first-hand report from Doyle based in part on evidence submitted by the 13 railroad unions striking against TP&W.

Under investigation will be McNear's importation of strikebreakers from other states in violation of federal law, threats made to union members before and after the Feb. 6 killings, and possible violation of federal laws governing taxation of firearms.

It was announced in Washington that the Senate interstate commerce committee will open hearings March 4 on McNear's management of the line. The resolution, submitted by Sen. Burton K. Wheeler (D-Mont), criticizes the feudal labor relations policy of the railroad. It asks the government to consider the possibility of condemning the line and forcing a change in management.

Four-Year-Old Girl Missing in South

CHARLOTTE, N. C., Feb. 27 (UP).—Police said today they feared the four-year-old daughter of a prominent Charlotte physician who has been missing since yesterday had been kidnaped and "would never be found alive."

Authorities throughout the South were notified to watch for Terry Taylor and her 19-year-old nurse, Rosemary Johnson, who also was missing.

The nurse was charged with kidnaping.

Chileans Here Hit Massacre

A letter protesting the massacre in Santiago, Chile, on Jan. 28 has been sent to the President of Chile by the Chilean Workers Club of New York, the Daily Worker learned yesterday.

The massacre occurred during a demonstration of Chilean workers against the government's anti-labor policy, when police armed with sabers and riot sticks killed eight workers and wounded over 100 others.

The letter, which is signed by Louis Romo, president, and Juan Videla, secretary of the club, urges immediate indemnification of the victims of the massacre, and restoration of civil liberties.

Czechs Accept U.S. Apology for Raid

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27 (UP).—The State Department said today that the Czechoslovak Government had accepted the U. S. expression of regret for the Feb. 11 seizure of documents on Czech territory by an American military detachment.

The Czech Government was satisfied with the U. S. assurance that the action was not approved by this government, the State Department said, and the incident is considered closed.

Pigs Is Pigs, But Look Out, Brother

MACON, Ga., Feb. 27 (UP).—Police were trying to catch a thief for his own good here today.

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FROM THE PRESS BOX

Taking an Early Look
at the Giants
By C. E. Dexter

"The Giants ought to win 50 of their 77 home games," said a self-styled expert on the day that Horace Stoneham wrote that \$175,000 check for Walker Cooper.

All of which is sound baseball clairvoyance. But as you look over the roster of the Polo Grounds for the 1946 season, you are certain to ask: "How's about those 77 games on the road?"

Mel Ott has never had any trouble doing what he calls "parkin' it in the seats." The quondam Boy Wonder has teed off some 600 home runs, the majority of which lined into the upper right field stand like boulders shot by Goliath from a block-long sling-shot.

Mel, quite naturally, believes that anyone who has good eyesight, a pair of arms and the determination can do as well. He has therefore assembled a baseball club which is high on power, fair on fielding and n. s. g. on pitching quality.

A lineup which includes Mel himself, Johnny Mize, Sid Gordon, Babe Young, Willard Marshall and Cooper can make a pitcher as miserable as the Nazis were on the day the Red Army broke through. Add some shorter hitters like Johnny Witek and the rookie Earl Pugh and you have power plus.

But this power can easily be dissipated on road trips, where the stands are not so near. Take last season as an example. With Ott, Medwick, Weintraub, Reyes and Lombardi socking home runs, the month of May was merry at the P. G. The Ottmen were leading the league, with the phenomenal records of 25 wins, six losses, when they departed for the sticks.

They returned a sad and bedraggled lot. Pitchers who were not too stalwart had been able to coast to wins. With the batting power shut off, they sagged, then collapsed—and blole went Giant hopes for pennant and even for a first division finish.

Of course, this year's team, with the exception of Mel, is not composed of old gents. They may not so easily give up as did venerable Ducky, tottering Phil with the sad legs and the baggy-bodied Lombardi.

Yet, when you look the '46 picture over, you'll discover some holes in the canvas. Walker Cooper is still in the navy; Marshall, a promising second-year man when he was drafted, is still in the army. Babe Young, a powerful but lackadaisical fellow, is set to play centerfield, but Babe is a novice in that position—and cursed with a weak throwing arm.

This leaves Johnny Mize, Mel and Sid Gordon as the certain power threats. Beginning from left to right, Sid's power has been developed in the armed services' games. He was never any great smacker during his Polo Ground days. Mel's legs were in such horrible condition by the end of the August dog days last year that the club physician, Dr. Francis J. Sweeney, warned him to desist and forswear baseball or suffer permanent disablement. Mel may play 100 games, as he pledges he will—or he may play 50.

As for Johnny Mize, no one in baseball could hit harder than he. I recall Casey Stengel's woe-filled account of what Johnny did to him, when John was a Cardinal and Casey led the badly-bent Braves. Johnny hit three home runs in the first game of a double-header. Casey disgustedly told his pitchers: "If you dare let him look at a good ball the rest of the afternoon I'll trade the bunch of you for a nickel ride on the merry-go-round at Revere Beach."

Johnny was passed once, twice. The second game began. The Braves were leading 2 to 0. The Braves' pitcher passed Johnny once, twice, thrice. The ninth inning began. With two men on base, the Boston hurler cockily threw a ball over the plate.

You know the score . . . Cards 3, Braves 2.

But—and this is an important but—Johnny, said to be in the best condition of his career, was on the downgrade in '41 when the Giants wangled him away from canny Sam Breadon. He may hit like Superman—or he may quietly slip away into obliquy—and that's another name for Jersey City on the horizon.

The upshot of all this is that given the best of luck, the Giants may thunder into the first division sans pitching. Chances are, however, that with improved Phillies or Braves this season, they'll either have to acquire some pitching strength or topple back into the nether regions of the National League.

FROM THE TRAINING CAMPS

MIAMI, Fla., Feb. 27 (UP).—Manager Mel Ott announced today that Walker Cooper, the Giants' \$175,000 catcher who will be discharged from the Navy April 2, will train with the Jersey City team of the International League while the Giants are barnstorming north with the Cleveland Indians.

Until Cooper is in condition, Ernie Lombardi will continue to handle the Giants' No. 1 catching chores.

Jesse Pike, veteran outfielder who was brought up from Indianapolis where he hit .333 last year, came to terms by phone and is enroute here from North Hollywood, Calif., Ott said. Pike is a candidate for substitute right fielder behind the Giants' manager.

LAKELAND, Fla., Feb. 27 (UP). Michael (Pinky) Higgins, regular Detroit Tigers third baseman for

five years before he entered the Navy last March, arrived today and served notice on his wartime replacements that he is ready to take his old job.

With Higgins on hand, shortstop Eddie Lake is the only man missing from the combination with which the Tigers intend to open defense of their world championship.

Lake acquired from the Boston Red Sox in a trade for Rudy York, is a holdout along with Bobby Baker, who alternated at third last year with Jimmy Outlaw.

TAMPA, Fla., Feb. 27 (UP).—The Cincinnati Reds awaited the arrival of two prize rookies today, who they hope will boost them into the first division.

They are infielder Gray Hutton, who received a \$25,000 bonus for signing with the Reds, and outfielder Ted Kluszewski, who was given \$15,000.

City CIO's 600,000 Urge AAU Guarantee No Jimcrow at Texas Meet

Representing 600,000 unionists, the Greater New York CIO Council yesterday passed a resolution urging the officials of the Amateur Athletic Union to "insure complete democratic treatment" for the Negro track stars who will participate in the national AAU championships at Texas this June.

This action followed a similar move launched earlier this month by 2,000 CIO members of Fur Floor and Shipping Clerks Union, Local 125. At that time, Local 125 also initiated a letter-postcard campaign directed to Dan Ferris, secretary-treasurer of the National AAU, demanding the AAU guarantee no Jimcrowing of the Negro runners during their trip and stay at San Antonio, Texas.

Here is the complete text of the resolution passed yesterday by the Greater New York CIO Council:

"Whereas, the Amateur Athletic Union's nation-

wide track meet scheduled for San Antonio, Texas, this coming June will subject Negro participants to Jimcrow conditions unless AAU officers take steps to insure complete democratic treatment of all the athletes; and

"Whereas, the AAU is an organization that fosters wide amateur sports events based on the principles of sportsmanship, competitive spirit and fair play; and

"Whereas, the Negro people have distinguished themselves not only in such fields as sports, but in literature, industry, science, etc., and particularly of our country's war efforts, and must be guaranteed their rights to equality;

"NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the delegates' meeting of the Greater New York CIO Council urges the officers of the AAU to insure full participation of Negroes in the coming meet and protect them from any undemocratic, Jimcrow discrimination."

"Only a Little" Inflation Seen

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27 (UP).—Economic Stabilizer Chester Bowles told Congress that he hoped the government's new wage-price policy would result in no more than a five percent increase in the cost of living within the next year.

Earlier, Reconversion Chief John W. Snyder urged Congress to extend price controls another year. He told the House Banking Committee that this did not mean that "we are determined on rigid and inflexible"

price controls. He said government policy was sufficiently elastic to permit price increases when they are shown to be necessary.

At the same time, he echoed the warning of Bowles that runaway inflation is a very real threat.

"The assumption that prices are going up gives business an irresistible motive to withhold finished goods from the market in expectation of higher prices and profits," he said.

Hunts Oyster in Stew—Finds Pearl

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 27 (UP).—Vernon Steele, editor of the 'Pacific Coast Musician,' reported today that he found a pearl in his oyster stew.

Steele said the pearl was about one-eighth inch in diameter.

"I've been ordering oysters for about 50 years, but I never thought I'd be lucky enough to find a pearl," he said. "I often have felt lucky to find an oyster."

11 A.M. TO NOON

11:00-WEAF-Fred Waring Show
WOR-News Talk; Music
WJZ-Breakfast With Breneman
WABC-Ananda-Sketch
WMCA-News; Music Box
WQXR-News; Alma Dettinger
11:15-WOR-Tello-Test Quiz
WABC-Second Husband-Sketch
11:30-WEAF-Barry Cameron-Sketch
WOR-Morning Matinee
WJZ-Home Edition
WABC-A Woman's Life-Sketch
WMCA-News Reports
WQXR-Concert Music
11:45-WEAF-David Harum
WOR-Victor Lindlar-Talk
WJZ-Ted Malone-Talk
WABC-Aunt Jenny's Stories
WMCA-This Woman's World

NOON TO 2 P.M.

12:00-WEAF-Don Goddard, News
WOR-News; Hymns You Love
WJZ-Glamour Manor
WABC-News; Kate Smith's Chat
WMCA-News; Recorded Music
WQXR-News; Luncheon Music
12:15-WEAF-Maggi McNeill-Talk
WABC-Big Sister
12:30-WEAF-Art Van Damme Quartet
WOR-News; The Answer Man
WJZ-News; Woman's Exchange
WABC-Helen Trent
12:45-WEAF-Music of Manhattan
WABC-Our Gal Sunday
1:00-WEAF-Mary Margaret McBride
WOR-Musical Appetizer
WJZ-H. R. Baukhaizer
WABC-Life Can Be Beautiful
WMCA-News; Recorded Music
WQXR-News; Symphony Music
WLIR-Clifford Evans
1:15-WOR-Jack Bundy's Album
WJZ-Constance Bennett, Comment
WABC-Ma Perkins
1:30-WOR-Lopes Orchestra
WJZ-Galen Drake
WABC-Young Dr. Malone-Sketch
WMCA-The Captain Tim Healy
1:45-WEAF-Morgan Beatty, News
WOR-John J. Anthony
WABC-Road of Life-Sketch
WMCA-Studio Orchestra

2 P.M. TO 6 P.M.

2:00-WEAF-The Guiding Light
WOR-Easy Aces-Sketch
WJZ-John B. Kennedy
WABC-Second Mrs. Burton
WMCA-News; Recorded Music
WQXR-News; Music
2:15-WEAF-Today's Children-Sketch
WOR-Monaghan, Record Man
WJZ-Ethel and Albert
WABC-Perry Mason-Sketch
2:30-WEAF-Woman in White
WOR-Queen for a Day
WJZ-Bride and Groom
WABC-Rosemary-Sketch
WMCA-News; Recorded Music
WQXR-Concert Orchestra
2:45-WEAF-Masquerade-Sketch
WABC-Tena and Tim
3:00-WEAF-A Woman of America
WOR-Martha Deane Program
WJZ-Al Pearce Show
WABC-Time to Remember
WMCA-News; Recorded Music
WQXR-News; Request Music
3:15-WEAF-Ma Perkins
WABC-This Is New York
3:30-WEAF-Pepper Young
WOR-News; John Gambling
WJZ-Ladies, Be Seated
WMCA-News; Recorded Music
3:45-WEAF-Right to Happiness
WABC-Landl Trio, Songs
4:00-WEAF-Backstage Wife
WOR-Better Half Show
WJZ-Jack Birch Show

RADIO

WMCA-570 Kc.
WEAF-660 Kc.
WOR-710 Kc.
WJZ-770 Kc.
WNYC-830 Kc.
WABC-880 Kc.
WINS-1090 Kc.
WVEB-1230 Kc.
WNEW-1130 Kc.
WLIR-1180 Kc.
WHN-1500 Kc.
WOV-1590 Kc.
WBNY-1480 Kc.
WQXR-1540 Kc.
WABC-House Party
WMCA-News; Western Songs
WQXR-News; Symphonic Matinee
4:15-WEAF-Stella Dallas
WJZ-The Fitzgeralds
4:30-WEAF-Lorenzo Jones
WOR-Ask Dr. Eddy
WJZ-Shelley Mydans
WABC-Gordon MacRae, Songs
WMCA-News; Music
4:45-WEAF-Young Widow Brown
WJZ-Hop Harrigan
WABC-Feature Story
5:00-WEAF-When a Girl Marries
WOR-Terry and the Pirates
WQXR-School of the Air
WMCA-News; Recorded Music
WQXR-News; Handstand Music
5:15-WEAF-Portia Faces Life
WOR-Superman
WJZ-Dick Tracy
WMCA-Let's Listen to a Story
WQXR-Today in Music
5:30-WEAF-Just Plain Bill
WOR-Captain Midnight
WJZ-Jack Armstrong
WABC-Cimarron Tavern-Sketch
WMCA-News; Music
WQXR-The Organ Loft
5:45-WEAF-Front-Page Farrell
WOR-Adventure of Tom Mix
WJZ-Tennessee Jed
WABC-Sparrow and the Hawk
WQXR-Man About Town

6 P.M. TO 9 P.M.

6:00-WEAF-News; Concert Music
WOR-Paul Schubert
WJZ-News; Kierman's Corner
WABC-World News
WMCA-News; Talks
WQXR-News; Music to Remember
6:15-WOR-Bob Elson, Interviews
WJZ-Her's Morgan
WABC-Patti Clayton, Songs
6:25-WQXR-News; Dinner Music
6:30-WOR-News; Fred Vandeventer
WJZ-News; Sports Talk
WABC-Encore Appearance
WMCA-Racing Results
6:40-WEAF-Sports-Bill Stern
6:45-WEAF-Lowell Thomas
WOR-Sports-Stan Lomax
WJZ-Cal Timney
WABC-The World Today; News
7:00-WEAF-Supper Club, Variety
WJZ-Headline Edition
WABC-Jack Kirkwood Show
WMCA-News; Recorded Music
WQXR-News; Lisa Sergio
7:15-WEAF-News of the World
WOR-The Answer Man
WJZ-Raymond Swing
WABC-Jack Smith Show
WMCA-Five-Star Final
WQXR-Encore Music
7:30-WEAF-Bob Burns Comedy
WOR-Arthur Hale
WJZ-Professor Quis
WABC-Mr. Keen-Play
WMCA-J. Raymond Walsh
WQXR-Spotlight Music
7:45-WOR-Sports-Bill Brandt
WMCA-Dinah Shore Records
WHN-J. Steel
8:00-WEAF-Burns and Allen, Comedy
WOR-Carrington Playhouse
WJZ-Lam 'n' Abner
WABC-Suspense-Play
WMCA-News; Recorded Music

8:15-WJZ-Earl Gordon, News
8:30-WEAF-Dinah Shore's Open House
WOR-Rogue's Gallery
WJZ-Town Meeting
WABC-FBI in Peace and War
8:55-WABC-Bill Henry, News
9 P.M. TO MIDNIGHT
9:00-WEAF-Music Hall
WOR-Gabriel Heatter
WABC-Kostelanetz Orchestra;
Eleanor Steber, Soprano
WMCA-News; Labor Arbitration
WQXR-World Wire News Review
9:15-WOR-Real Life Stories
WQXR-Great Names
9:30-WEAF-Jack Haley Show
WOR-Treasure Hour of Song
WJZ-Detect and Collect-Quiz
WABC-Hobby Lobby
WQXR-Cavaliers of Music
9:55-WJZ-Chester Morrison-Stories
10:00-WEAF-Abbott and Costello
WOR-You Make the News
WJZ-Curtain Time
WABC-Island Venture
WMCA-News; Music
WQXR-News; Record Album
10:30-WEAF-Rudy Valles Show
WOR-The Symphonette
WJZ-Her's Morgan
WABC-Powder Box Theater
WMCA-Frank Kingdom
WQXR-Talk; Algernon D. Black
10:45-WJZ-George McCoy, Interviews
WMCA-Musical Encores
WQXR-The Music Box
11:00-WEAF-News; Music
WOR-News; Dance Music
WJZ-WABC-News; Music
WMCA-News; Recorded Music
WQXR-News; Symphonic Hour
11:30-WEAF-The Story of Music
12:00-WEAF, WJZ-News; Music
WOR, WABC, WMCA-News; Music
WQXR-News Reports

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Left to right: Samoilov, Valentina Serova, Ludmilla Tselikovskaya, Peter Springfield, who have the leading roles in the new Soviet comedy "Four Hearts."

Soviet 'Four Hearts', A Diverting Comedy

By DAVID FLATT

There's a lot of familiar comedy in this bright Soviet boy-meets-girl film at the Stanley. The laughs are provided by two sisters (Valentina Serova and Ludmilla Tselikovskaya) who fall in and out of love with each other's boy friends.

Valentina is the serious one, a bespectacled teacher of mathematics, author of a serious scientific treatise titled "Normal Curve of Distribution."

Ludmilla is the light-hearted one, the type that couldn't get past page one of such a tome.

The two men in the case are Eugene Samoilov, a Red Armyman with a lively sense of humor, and Peter Springfield, a gawky student of natural science with a style of acting that recalls the late Charles Ray.

The mixup begins when Samoilov runs the serious blonde down with a motorcycle while she's peddling to catch up with her troublesome sister.

It leads to any number of humorous situations which Hollywood films have made famous over the years, such as Samoilov emerging from a telephone booth after a long line of angry looks, including one from a Don Cossack who really looks daggers. And Peter Springfield unconsciously trimming the mustache of a stuffed seal with a pair of scissors while making conversation over the telephone.

The flower seller who perfumes his wares before he sells them; the homely looking manicurist who ogles handsome men; the despondent Red Army soldier who receives

FOUR HEARTS, Soviet film with English titles at the Stanley Theater. Directed by Konstantin Yudin. Scenario by Anton Felko. Camera by Nikolai Vlasov. Music by Yuri Milutin. English titles by Charles Clement. Produced by the Mosfilm Studios, Moscow, U.S.S.R. Presented by Artkino Inc.

letters from his sweetheart touching on every matter but the one nearest his heart—all these scenes have been done over and over again. But in this new frame, even the oldest material seems bright and fresh. This is due in no small degree to the personable qualities of the four principal members of the cast. They cast a charm which makes it difficult to criticize the picture's undeniable technical and dramatic faults.

Stage for Action Carnegie Hall Debut

Stage for Action will present Theatre Parade, an all star variety show, at Carnegie Hall, on Sunday evening, March 31, at which the theatre group will make its public debut as a permanent membership organization.

Forum On USSR Minorities

A forum on National Minorities in the USSR will take place at the School of Jewish Studies, 13 Astor Place, fifth floor, Saturday, 3 p.m. Max Levin, president of the board of directors of Ambijan will lecture.



Traveling cast of "Deep Are the Roots" on the General Electric picket line in Lynn, Mass., recently. The show people hit UE Local 801's picket line under the auspices of "Stage for Action."

Sophocles in Modern Dress Is Tepid Show

By JOHN REINER

Katherine Cornell's newest vehicle, a modern version of the Greek tragedy "Antigone," (at the Cort) does not make a satisfying evening in the theatre.

The production attempts to bring up-to-date the conflict between a young girl who holds moral laws higher than man-made laws, and a king anxious to maintain his pride and civil law and order. But, as produced and directed by Guthrie McClintic and adapted by Lewis Galantiere from the French by Jean Anouilh, this version is no improvement over old Sophocles' drama.

As a punishment for starting a civil war and as a warning to others, King Creon has dictated that Polyneices' body shall not be buried. Antigone, sister of Polyneices and affianced to Haemon, the King's son, defies her uncle's edict, attempts to bury her brother and is arrested. For her continued refusal to desist, and despite his son's plea, Creon orders Antigone immured in a walled-up cave. Antigone hangs herself. Haemon commits suicide. And, hearing the news, Eurydice, Creon's wife, follows her son to death.

The changes introduced by the adaptors diminish the scope of the original tragedy. They fail, too, to overcome the static action.

The chorus of Senators is reduced to one actor dressed in evening clothes who delivers long, superfluous commentary on the character motivations, the essence of tragedy, a good deal of superficial thinking, in the stage manner of "Out Town."

TOO CASUAL AND CONDESCENDING

Nor does Horace Braham help matters. Endowed with an interesting voice, he uses little more than that. He is both too casual and condescending.

Implicit in Sophocles' "Antigone" is a Romeo and Juliet strain which this version emphasizes by introducing among other things the new character of a nurse and a scene of lovers' farewells between Haemon and Antigone; these do not improve matters; on the contrary, they slow up the action.

A dim entry on the credit side of the ledger for the adaptation is the subtle and interesting dialogue. It is good as far as it goes. It does not, however, measure up to the dimensions of tragedy. The style is uneven. The guard, in the first comedy part in tragedy, is written as an old army sergeant and played by George Mathews with a New York accent.

Guthrie McClintic's staging, far from overcoming the deficiencies of the script, stresses them. The realistic touches in movement and dress—the costumes are modern—only serve to emphasize the essentially static physical action. Raymond Sovey's setting has a living room atmosphere.

The acting never moves us emotionally. Miss Cornell's interpretation of Antigone does not help the production. Her Antigone is too mature and withdrawn. The youth, zeal and vigour and passionate belief that Antigone must have if we are to believe that she would defy the tyrant are missing. As Creon, Cedric Hardwick gives a good performance. It is sustained and convincing if not imaginative.

Mr. McClintic's direction is studied and picturesque but lacking in fire and imaginativeness.

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Nation-Wide Labor Theatre for England

LONDON, Feb. 27.—A nation-wide Labor Theatre is now in the process of formation in England. The project, which would sponsor democratically run professional theatres throughout the country, was outlined here recently.

Two professional labor theaters' companies have already been established—one in London and one in Glasgow.

Eugene O'Neill's *All God's Chillen Got Wings* will be the first offering of the London company.

The Labor-sponsored theater, according to Ted Lewis, president of the London project will set an example to the entire British theater not only in entertainment standards but also in conditions of employment.

"Our actors will receive more than trade union rates and also a family allowance of 1 pound per week for the first child and 10s. for each subsequent child; two weeks' holiday with full pay; at least one month rehearsal for each play; and a democratic voice in the operation of the affairs of the theater," he declared.

A GREAT NECESSITY

John Collier, general secretary of the theater, said that more than 50 branches of the theater have been formed throughout the country and that more are being formed every week.

"It is our aim to cover every town and city with branches of the theater linking amateurs and professionals in one movement and backed by the Labour movement," he said. "In this way we hope to make available to the British Theater and cultural life the greatest reserves of talent which are latent in the ordinary British people. They are realizing that culture is not a privilege, but a necessity."

The Labor Theater is the result of 10 years work. It is the outgrowth of Unity Theater, which

has produced amateur plays for the people over a long period.

In addition to the new theater a film producing unit of the labor venture, has already been set up. A film society will show worthwhile films on a repertory basis.

Further projects of the labor culture movement in England include a children's theater, and a radio section in which people can be trained in the use of microphones and general radio technique.

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WINS CITY-WIDE BACKING IN BATTLE FOR MASS PICKETING

By WALTER LOWENFELS.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 27.—Philadelphia unions and civic groups today prepared to answer the club-swinging mounted police charge that broke up a CIO mass picket parade at General Electric plant this morning.

The GE District Council was meeting tonight to mobilize the 25,000 CIO electrical workers in the area to back the GE local's defiance of the picketing injunction. The CIO Council announced that its executive board would meet with representatives of all the 75 locals in the area to consider further action Thursday night.

The Transport Workers Union pledged full support to the continued defiance of the injunction. The Westinghouse, Baldwin, SKF, American Tobacco, Exide Battery and many other CIO unions who were also on the picket line of 1,500 this morning were scheduled to be out in force with additional unions Thursday morning.

The Community Councils in support of labor, a city-wide coordinating group of civic organizations and unions were meeting tonight to protest police brutality and plan community support to the mass picket line.

The GE local issued a statement accusing the police with using Gestapo methods to incite a riot. It urged the public to turn out for the picket line. An attempt by police to hold seven pickets incommunicado were spied when Attorney Saul Waldbaum forced their appearance in court this afternoon on a writ of habeas corpus.

Newspaper pictures showing mounted police swinging clubs at veterans and trying to wrest the flag from Purple Heart hero Bill Hood were arousing wide indignation.

A Communist Party mass meeting of 3,000 last night gave \$150 and pledged every support to the General Electric strikers.

The 50 mounted cops who charged the line, splitting it in two, were aided by almost 1,000 others. The latter also attacked the pickets.

The line reformed later and

marched to the City Hall.

One striker was sent to the hospital for treatment of injuries. Seven others were arrested.

J. J. Dougherty, director of the veteran committee of the CIO Transport Workers Union Local 234, promised the strikers support.

"This is not a fight of UE alone," he said. "This is a fight of all labor unions. This brutality must be stopped."

Bloomfield Strikers Jam Injunction Trial

NEWARK, N. J., Feb. 27.—Two thousand strikers jammed the Essex County courthouse here today when five of their fellows were to come up on charges in connection with daring an injunction limiting mass picketing at the Bloomfield, N. J., Westinghouse plant.

The courtroom was crowded to the doors and the overflow filled the corridors, stairways and other floors.

Sam Rothbard, attorney for the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers, asked and obtained a week's adjournment for the five so a ruling might first be obtained on the union's appeal from the decision handing down the injunction.

Walter Waldau, who is both Westinghouse attorney and public prosecutor in this case, opposed the adjournment. Vice-Chancellor Alfred A. Stein, judge in the case, said he opposed it, too, but that he had been directed to grant it by his superior, Chancellor Luther A. Campbell.

As a result, the case of the five strikers was set down for next Wednesday.

After the hearing, strikers held an on-the-spot public rally on the courthouse steps. Ruth Young, UE leader, one of the speakers and the arrested unionists appeared. The crowd sang "God Bless America" while a cordon of police stood guard.

Bloomfield's Mayor John A. Reed has appealed to the Sheriff William H. Butler to come in to enforce the injunction. So far the sheriff has declined to come in.

ANDERSON AIDS FERTILIZER TRUST, FARM UNION CHARGES

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—By his failure to support the Bankhead-Hill-Flanagan Fertilizer Bill, Secretary of Agriculture Clinton Anderson is "lending aid and comfort to the fertilizer trust," president James G. Patton of the Farmers Union charged today.

Anderson has ordered the destruction of all copies of an interbureau report on fertilizer because its findings strengthen the case for this bill, according to information received by Patton.

The fertilizer institute and its allies are conducting an expensive campaign against the measure, Patton declared, and "It is high time the Secretary of Agriculture decided whether he is the friend of rank and file farmers or the friend of vested manufacturing interests."

The B-H-F Bill would promote expanded use of fertilizer, save money for farmers, aid co-operatives and foster soil conservation, according to Patton, it is "by far the most important such bill ever offered in Congress," he said.

Reveals Nazi Starvation Plan

NUERNBERG, Feb. 27 (UP).—The Allied case against the German war criminals was wound up today with a summary of Nazi crimes against humanity in eastern Europe by Soviet prosecutor Leo Smirnov.

The last witness in the box was black-robed Nicholas Lonakin, 56-year-old Leningrad orthodox priest, who testified that starvation in Leningrad in 1942, during the German siege, was so great that there were mounds of bodies around his church.

Another witness, Samuel Raizmann, an accountant who spent

three years in the Treblinka camp in Poland, testified that an average of 10,000 to 12,000 victims died daily in the gas chambers there.

A third witness, Abraham Suzkever, 32-year-old Jew, said that half of the 80,000 Jews who lived in Wilno, Lithuania, were exterminated after the Germans came.

Although refusing to call Winston Churchill for the defense of Joachim von Ribbentrop, the court granted Hermann Goering's request to submit a questionnaire to Lord Halifax, British Ambassador to the United States and former British Foreign Secretary.

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Defeat State Aid to City, Pass Soak-Poor Budget

By MAX GORDON

ALBANY, Feb. 27.—The Senate completed action today on Gov. Dewey's \$555,000,000 "Soak-the-Poor" budget after beating down a Democratic amendment for more State aid to cities. The budget includes a 50 percent cut in state income taxes and a 25 percent reduction in corporate and business taxes.

Passage of these measures and the defeat of efforts to get more state aid for New York City makes it certain that New Yorkers will have to pay more taxes or higher fares or both.

The Democrats, following the same procedure as in the Assembly yesterday, introduced an amendment to divert \$100,000,000 from the postwar reconstruction fund for additional aid to cities. The amendment would postpone construction of a \$202,000,000 "thru-way" from New York to Buffalo.

It was defeated 34 to 20, with Sen. Lowell Brown, Bronx Republican, the only GOP member joining the 19 Democrats in backing it. Other New York City Republicans developed elaborate excuses for voting as their leaders told them.

The Senate Democrats failed to show that the issue was relief for the wealthy at the expense of the low-income groups, as Laborite Leo Isaacson had done in the lower house.

Republicans were thus able to make it appear that the issue was New York City versus Upstate. GOP Senators Walter Mahoney of Buffalo and Austin W. Erwin of Genesee demanded that New York City increase its fare instead of asking more State aid.

The next step on New York City's tangled fiscal affairs will be introduction of a series of measures empowering the city to levy special taxes. Mayor O'Dwyer's program, which has received the approval of GOP legislative leaders, would raise \$142,000,000, of which \$75,000,000 would be from taxes on low-income groups.

The only way now left by which soak-the-poor taxes or a fare rise can be avoided would be to write a new program of special taxes levied entirely on upper income groups.

8,000 Telegraphers

CHUNGKING, Feb. 27 (UP).—Eight thousand telegraph workers in Chungking staged a sitdown strike at noon today, charging that the government has ignored their demands for wage increases.

Chinese CP Brands Anti-Soviet Demonstrations Anti-Democratic

The Chinese Communist Party yesterday attacked the anti-Soviet demonstrations in Chungking and other cities as "100 percent anti-national and anti-democratic in character."

Four thousand students again paraded through Chungking, but the Communist statement, reported by United Press, said they did not possess "the least shred of patriotism."

Meanwhile, the Chinese press reported that Gen. George C. Marshall, U. S. ambassador to China, would make a five-day tour of most of the Communist areas after which he would return to the United States.

The demonstrations, the Communist release said, "are 100 percent

Vandenberg Urges Be Tough to Russia

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—Sen. Arthur H. Vandenberg (R-Mich), today seized the helm of the "get-tough-with-Russia" bloc with a Senate speech in which he called upon the U. S. to assume world leadership.

In a 5,000-word speech, ostensibly reporting on the recent UNO session, Vandenberg declared that he had returned from London "with no illusions that automatic peace awaits the world."

Frequently pounding on the table for emphasis, he made the main point of his address the hoary fable of the mystery of Soviet policy.

"The supreme conundrum of our time," he said, "is what is Russia up to?"

He attacked Soviet intervention in the UNO on behalf of colonial peoples as "baiting France and Britain."

Vandenberg alluded several times to the possibility of another world war and demanded that the U. S. draw "a line beyond which compromise cannot go." But, he said, Soviet-American mutual understanding is the keystone to world peace.

"I assert my own belief that we can live together in reasonable harmony if the United States speaks as plainly upon all occasions as Russia does; if the United States just as vigorously sustains its own purposes and its ideals upon all occasions as Russia does; if we abandon the miserable fiction, often encouraged by our own fellow travelers, that we somehow jeopardize the peace if our candor is as firm as Russia's always is; and if we assume a moral leadership which we have too frequently allowed to lapse."

"The situation calls for patience

and good will; but not for vacillation."

On the subject of UNO Vandenberg was also an idealist!

"I confess that in this first meeting of the United Nations I missed the uplifting and sustaining zeal for a great, crusading, moral cause which seemed to imbue the earlier charter sessions at San Francisco."

"I sensed at London what seemed to be too great a tendency to relapse into power politics, in greater or less degree, and, as some one has said, to use the United Nations as a self-serving tribune rather than as a tribunal."

The session at San Francisco was marked by the following idealistic events:

- The admission of Argentina to the UNO on the insistence of the U. S.
- The refusal to admit Poland to the UNO.

Ask U.S. Law Barring Assault on Negro GIs

The American Veterans Committee yesterday called for a law to make assaults upon men and women in uniform a federal offense.

The resolution points to the Freeport, L. I., police killings of Charles and Alonzo Ferguson.

There have been 60-odd killings of Negro soldiers by Americans, without Department of Justice action.

The committee demanded Gov. Dewey appoint a special attorney to replace Dist. Atty. James N. Gehrig in the Freeport case.

Marshall to visit Communist Manchuria headquarters at Kaigan, in Chahar Province, on March 1.

Meanwhile, government spokesman Ho Feng-Shen said at a press conference that China now has 60,000 Nationalist troops in Manchuria but that the Soviet have not yet replied to a Jan. 29 note regarding their withdrawal from Manchuria.

Press reports said that Chinese and Soviet negotiators now are discussing a four-point joint operation program for Manchuria, including two coal mines, an iron and steel works at Dairen, electric power plants throughout Manchuria and the country's civil air lines.